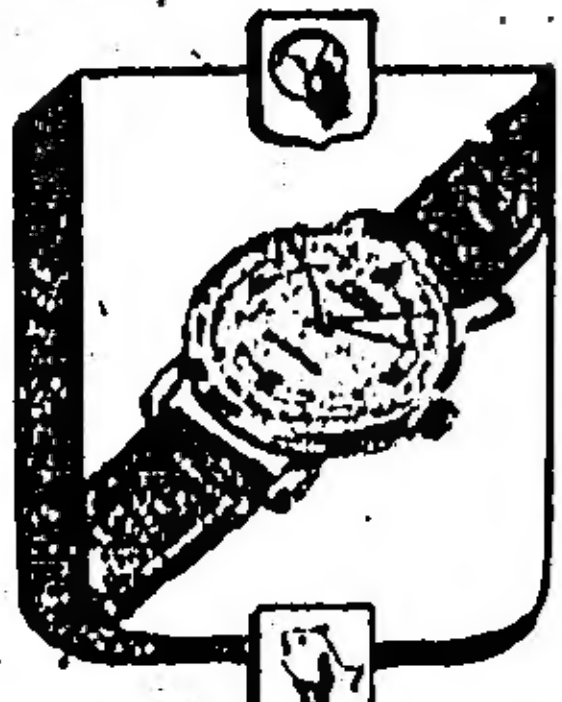


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EVACUATION OF MANCHURIA?

Generalissimo In Mukden

Nanking, October 16. President Chiang Kai-shek today flew to Mukden to confer with General Wei Li-huang, his top Manchurian commander, on the Government's faltering position in the North East, according to a Peiping report.

It is believed the main topic which President Chiang will discuss with his generals there is whether the 200,000-man Nationalist Army isolated at Mukden and Changchun should be ordered to fight their way out into the Great Wall.—United Press.

Britain To Answer Hoffman

London, October 16. The British Government was today preparing its reply to the proposals on dismantling of German factories made by Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, when he saw Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, in London last Wednesday. It was authoritatively learned today.

The reply, embodying the decisions reached at last night's Cabinet meeting, will be despatched within the next 24 hours, it was believed.

Its contents will not be disclosed until it has been received by Mr. Hoffman. It was believed to deal with the whole German reparations question and with Mr. Hoffman's long-term scheme that any dismantling should be of a character which would not prevent such plants being maintained in Germany.

The interim proposal, diplomatic observers in London considered, was presumably designed as a compromise to meet earlier British objections to a full suspension of dismantling pending the completion of the work of the United States Advisory Committee which has just been appointed by Mr. Hoffman to examine the German reparations question on the spot.

British officials refused to comment on the statement made last night by Mr. Hoffman that he is expecting early British agreement to this proposal.—Herald.

Israeli Planes Raid Gaza

Cairo, October 16. Israeli planes raided Gaza this morning while Israeli ground forces attacked Egyptian army positions in Negev, according to reliable sources here today.

These sources said the Egyptian Government has made a formal complaint against these violations to the United Nations peace office in Cairo.—United Press.

The Weather

At 6:00 GMT (3 p.m. H.K. Summer Time) an intensifying tropical depression centred about 200 miles NW of Manila and was moving W or WNW at 10 knots.

Its associated trough extends to the Marianas. The anticyclone persists over NW China.

Today's Forecast—Moderate NE wind veering E and becoming fresh or strong cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum 81.5 deg. F. Minimum 72.5 deg. F. Rainfall 4.6 inches.

Rainfall—Nil. Total since Jan. 1—264.0 mm. (10.36 in.). Average of 2017.8 mm.—74.4 in.

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Withdrawal Considered Strategical Necessity DECISION EXPECTED SOON

Nanking, October 16.

Wholesale Government evacuation of Manchuria is now being broached by some high Nationalist quarters as sound military strategy and regarded as a strong possibility as a consequence of the fall of Chinchow, well-informed sources said today.

The step, believed dictated by strategical considerations, will bring about the most drastic turn in China's post-war civil war and place the whole of China's industrial powerhouse, called by the Chinese the key to control of China, in complete Communist control.

Whether or not to evacuate Manchuria is the top problem facing President Chiang Kai-shek during his present trip North, his second within the space of two weeks. He is expected to make his decision after on-the-spot study of the situation and consultations with his local commanders.

The fall of Chinchow is said to be the chief factor prompting discussion on the strategical urgency of giving up rich Manchuria which the Nationalist Government had fought eight years of war against Japan to recover.

Chinchow Vital

Chinchow in Communist hands would render the Nationalist position in Manchuria untenable by cutting off a large army of about 200,000 now in Mukden and Changchun from all land contacts with Nanking. This would render the task of supply technically an almost impossible one.

Formerly, most of the supplies were hauled by ship and rail to Chinchow—halfway to Mukden and Changchun—and then airlifted to the two isolated pockets. But with the loss of the Chinchow airstrip all supplies would by necessity be airlifted all the way from Tsingtao, Tientsin and Peiping.

In view of the small number of transports available and the vast-

ness of the military and civilian needs of the Manchurian pockets, the technical difficulties involved are easily discernable.

Pro-Government reports today said complete Communist occupation of Chinchow was a matter of hours. Communist infantry are pouring into the city from the South East and the North West in preparation for the final all-out assault to wipe the remnants of the Nationalist garrison now barricaded in the old area of the city and the railway station for a last-ditch fight.

Communist artillery are now turning the full fury of their fire against these last remaining defence works in a fierce softening up bombardment.

Advance Checked

The advance of Nationalist rescue columns was meanwhile reported checked 20 and miles South and North of the city.

The commander of the garrison, General Fan Han-chieh, radioed that he was determined to live or die with the city. His troops fought a victorious campaign

against Communists in Shantung last year.

Government Drive

The Nationalist diversionary drive from Mukden was reported to be converging on Hailin, 80 miles North East of Chinchow, capturing several strategic points 15 miles from the rail centre. But the drive is not expected to have any effect on the Chinchow battle.

General Fu Tao-yi's top Nationalist commander in North China, today meanwhile, announced a "crushing" victory over the Communists in the Chinghai-Kai region, brightening some of the Nationalist picture which had been darkened by the setbacks in Manchuria.

General Fu's announcement said about six Communist divisions were totally routed and one brigade known to have been wiped out.

The mountains on the Chahai border through which the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway wound its way are strewn with Communist dead and abandoned arms and ammunition. A fleet of Nationalist trucks is removing war booty.

Clear-Cut Gain

The Nationalist victory, which was the most clear-cut in nine months, smashed the main strength of Communist General Nieh Yung-chin's force. It came after three days and nights of fighting a little west of the famous Bankow Pass, 50 miles North West of Peiping.

General Fu made the announcement during a dinner party he gave for Peiping reporters.

Meanwhile, pro-Government reports today said the situation at Tientsin has eased after the Nationalist consolidated their hold on recaptured Feng Ko Liang hills, which commands the city's North airfield and approaches.—United Press.

Soviet Plan Theoretical

Paris, October 16. France today described the Soviet call for a one-third reduction of armaments by the Big Five powers as purely theoretical and demanded inventories of the armed forces of each country, the publication of armaments and the establishment of efficient and effective control.

M. Courvoisier told the United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee that France believed the time between the present Assembly and the next should be devoted to a study of disarmament.

A report should then be made to the Security Council. The Sub-Committee has been given the task of drawing up an agreed text on the disarmament resolution submitted to it.

Belgium, declaring that M. Murville's proposal was the only practical one, pressed for a more precise understanding than the Soviet Union had given on how disarmament was to be achieved.—Reuter.

Jews Send Sitting Duck Convoy

Tel-Aviv, October 16.

Anonymous UN observers said the Jews apparently sent a sitting duck convoy under Egyptian guns as a provocative gesture to pave the way for Friday night's Israeli Air Force strike-back.

The fierce Israeli announcement of Jewish bombing of Egyptian bases in the south said "Following today's Egyptian land and air attacks in the Negev, the Israeli Air Force took action against Egyptian bases. Ground clashes also flared up in various parts of the area."

Following Friday's emergency black-out broadcast, all Israeli and Jewish Jerusalem went to bed in the dark. No Arab air raids were reported.

Premier David Ben-Gurion, who has his principal office in Army Headquarters as Defence Minister, went to Government House in a Tel-Aviv suburb on Friday night for a conference of his top advisers.

Other Government leaders cancelled social engagements which had been made for the eve of the Jewish Sabbath.

Jerusalem despatches said many shops and offices were closed as Jewish authorities began another combing of manpower for what was described as essential defence works.

The convoy attack occurred in an area which was bitterly contested throughout the Palestine conflict. The trucks moved down a road the Egyptians repeatedly have refused to acknowledge as a truce supply route.

The Jews also reported six Egyptian Spitfires strafed and bombed several inter-shipment supply convoys inside the Negev area, destroying supply trucks and inflicting casualties.—Associated Press.

UNCERTAINTY REIGNS ON CANTON MARKETS

Canton, October 16.

The gold yuan steadied in value here yesterday but this week's violent depreciation has left Canton a city of closed shops and fearful people.

By yesterday evening, most reports gave the Hong Kong dollar value as GY1.80, down from a reported high of GY2.70 on Thursday. The price of gold, which can still be bought if one is willing to take the risk, held at approximately GY900 a tael, a 300 per cent rise.

A few gold shops, closed earlier in the week, have again opened, but behind many shuttered and barred fronts of idle shops the clutter of interminable mah jong games continues. The shops which have reopened display showcases naked of gold of any description and only a few cheap ornaments and silver rings can be bought.

Commodities under price control are for the most part not for sale. First grade rice is unobtainable at any price and second grade rice is sold only in very small quantities, even though with the new crop almost due for harvest, rice is not a good investment. Peanut oil is off the market, though there is talk of a Government-owned supply to be rationed on the rice rationing plan. Kerosene can be bought five gallons at a time for twice the price of two days ago. Canned goods, cloth, anything that is relatively imperishable, are being bought by everyone in an attempt to protect what capital he has.

Medicine Boom

Even Chinese medicine shops experienced a boom in business. Balm, ointments, and pills were sold to stop sales on Tuesday. The control price at the Wholesale level made it impossible for them to continue operating, while the retail dispensers, who are uncontrolled, were selling the products at four times the wholesale price. Other uncontrolled prices, such as those on smuggled goods, were raised more than three times. On Wednesday, during the most frantic period of depreciation, some prices doubled between nine and four o'clock.

As fast as a commodity became scarce and demand made it hard to obtain, the buyers turned to other goods. And while much trade was stopped to all external agencies, it continued behind closed doors.

The increased rate of turnover of currency has created a false appearance of larger amounts of money in circulation. Money which would normally have required a week for turnover now changes hands three or four times a day.

One Government-employed economist, who called his estimate conservative, hazarded that the velocity of circulation was at least 10 times the normal of a week ago.

"I have a brother operating a restaurant in the United States," he wisecracked. "I'm going to write to see if I can't take over his economic problems, maybe his cashier or something."

Creeping Fear

The fear of GY depreciation evidenced here has never reached the frantic proportions which might have been expected. For the most part, it is a dead pan fear such as that which accompanies an epidemic of disease rather than the hysterical fear which brings out rioting.

But fear there is. One young fook here expressed it lamely in his inadequate English thus: "We don't know what to do now. Before with fook, we knew."

He was right. Before currency reform, the money market ran more or less openly and anyone

Russia Will Fight, US Colonel Says

Berlin, October 16.

Colonel Louis Glaser, the American Chief of Civil Administration in Berlin, said in a report to the United States military authorities that he thought Russia would rather fight than abandon her intention of bringing Soviet Communism to Western Europe, the German news agency, Dana reported.

A prerequisite of this intention was control of Berlin, he was quoted as saying.

Colonel Glaser, who has since returned to the United States, was reported to have said that Berlin was of extraneous importance to Soviet Russia, and it is possible that the Soviet Union would resort to every means should it be threatened here with an ideological defeat.

The purge of lukewarm members of Communism from the Soviet Zone Socialist Unity (SED) Party promised to assume the proportions of a major clean-out with the publication of a signed article by the SED co-chairman, Wilhelm Pieck, calling for the elimination of any "any element from the party's ranks."

Appearing in the party organ, Neues Deutschland, the statement was interpreted in German political quarters as a first step towards "ridging" the party of "any element from the party's ranks."—United Press.

Franc Devaluation Seen Imminent

Paris, October 16.

The French Government will announce, probably tomorrow, a new semi-devaluation of the franc, it was reliably reported.

The new official rate will almost certainly be set at 254 francs to one US dollar instead of 214 and about 1,000 francs to one Pound Sterling instead of the present 864.

It is expected the announcement will be made following the meeting tomorrow of the Finance Ministers of Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands and that the new rate will become effective probably on Monday.

The chief purpose of this move, which French officials insist will be a real devaluation, will be to simplify the present complicated system of French exchange rates.

The new dollar rate will be effective for all trade transactions. Hitherto, exporters to dollar area countries had to exchange half of their dollars at the official rate of 214 and the other half at the free market rate, generally around 310.

The new rates will help France's export trade to dollar and sterling areas but will also increase the costs of some imports.—United Press.

They Say "No" Again



Mr. Vishinsky of Russia and Mr. Dmitri Manulsky, Foreign Minister of the Ukraine, register their "No" vote in the UN Security Council. The vote was against the hearing of the full details of the East-West Berlin dispute before the General Assembly. The Russian bloc lost the decision, 2 to 9.—(AP Photo)

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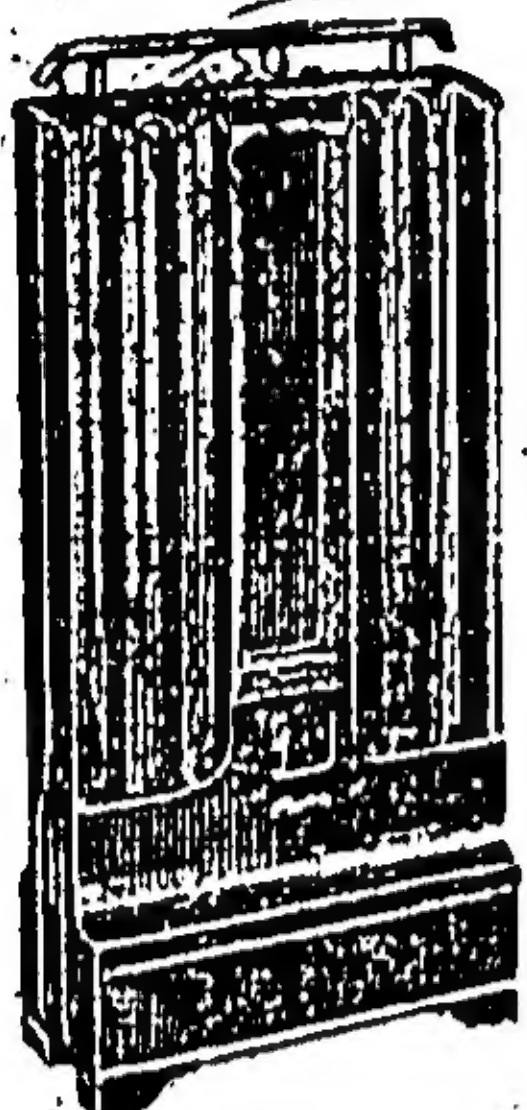
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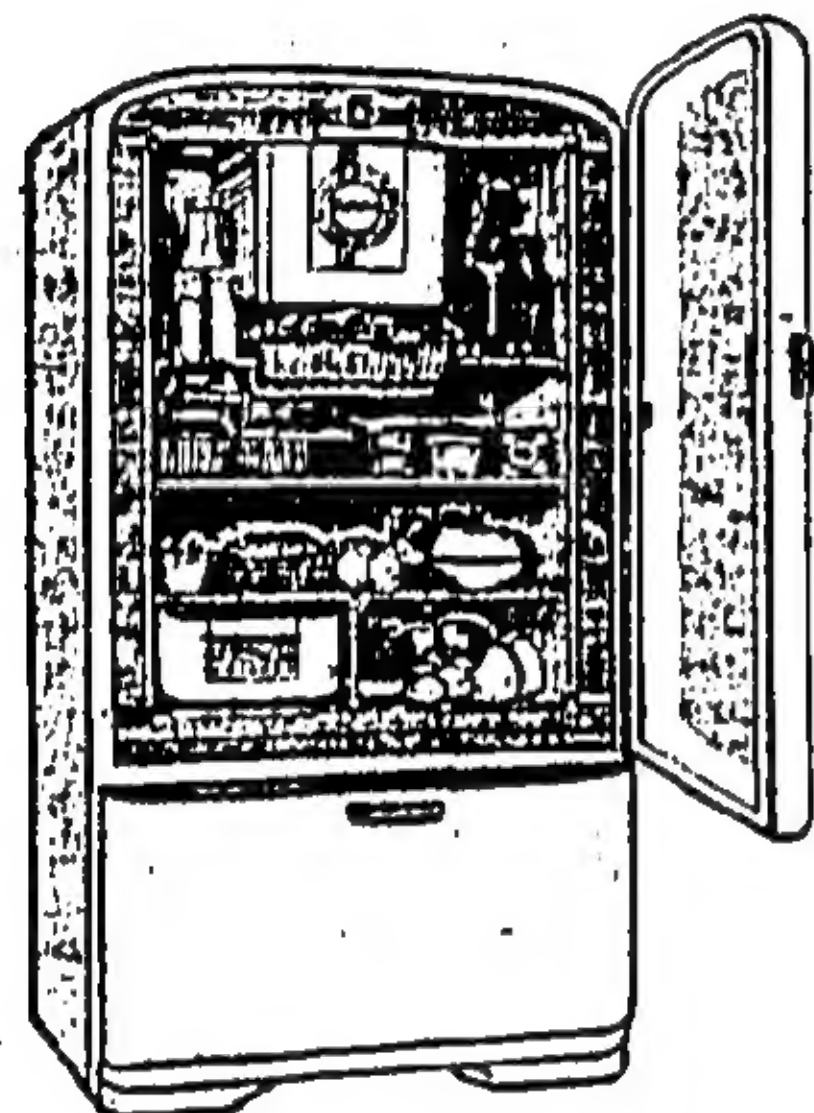
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Major Fire In Kowloon Prevented

The quick arrival of four fire appliances under Divisional Officer V. C. Seymour and Station Officer C. Caynes, prevented what would have been another major fire in Kowloon yesterday.

Shortly after 6.30 p.m., flames were seen coming out of the ground floor of 395 Yu Chau Street, a semi-demolished house occupied by a fireworks dealer both as a shop and residence.

The fire spread so rapidly that, within a couple of minutes, it had obtained a firm grip on the make-shift flooring of the upper floor and was licking at the woodwork of the adjoining house.

Before the arrival of the first three engines from Mong Kok, the fire had already spread to Nos. 297 and 299 of the street, the four houses, all of which are of the old type with wooden floors and stairs.

Inmates of the houses adjoining the ground floor of which the fire was under control, during the usual search among the debris, firemen discovered some opium lamps on the first floor of No. 297. These were handed over to C.I. Clarke.

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Pretty Wedding At Rosary Church

Miss Carmen Rodriguez was married to Mr. Lionel Vas at Rosary Church yesterday afternoon.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. E. Rodriguez, and she wore a lovely gown of white embroidered satin with an off-the-shoulder neckline and long sleeves. Her long tulle veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms.

The bride's sister, Alice, was in attendance and she wore ice blue tulle with lace. She carried a posy of orange blossoms.

Little Miss Florry Leon was flowergirl and wore a long pale blue gown of tulle with the skirt cut in three tiers. Pageboy was Master Tony Yap who was dressed in a pale blue satin suit.

Bestman was Mr. A. Barradas. The reception was held at the Little Flower Club, King's Park, after which the newlyweds left for their honeymoon at Repulse Bay Hotel. They will later go to Monaco.

At the Supreme Court Marriage Registry yesterday, Mrs. Ethel Amelia Sutherland, Secretary, St. John's Court, Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong, was married to Mr. Leopold Gaddi, Manager, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, in the presence of Dr. J. W. Anderson and Mr. E. Hausmann.

USS OAKLAND DUE IN COLONY

USS Oakland, 7,500-ton cruiser of the American Fleet, is due to arrive at Hong Kong today on a four-day visit.

The light cruiser has a complement of 700. She was completed in 1944 at the Bethlehem Yard, San Francisco.

Oakland took part in the Pacific operations during the war and assisted in the Allied attack on Japanese-occupied Kwajalein in December 1943.

She also participated in the Allied invasion of the Marshall Islands in February 1944.

Oakland was one of the warships which entered Sagami Bay, Tokyo, with the Occupation Forces on August 27, 1945.

Local reaction to the Hong Kong Government's Smuggling into China (Control) Ordinance was felt at the Kennedy Town Fish Market during the week.

Salted fish accumulated on two consecutive nights because of weak, prolonged bidding. Buyers were reluctant.

Those who bidded offered abnormally low prices. They said that, as a result of the China-Hong Kong Customs Agreement, they would have to pay "high tariffs" to get the fish into China.

To cover the "high tariffs," the buyers offered between 10 and 20 Hong Kong cents for one catty of fish as compared with the normal price of between 40 and 45 cents.

Slow, hesitant bidding resulted in about 1,000 catty of salted fish being accumulated at the Kennedy Town Fish Market.

This caused concern among sellers. They approached the Hong Kong Fisheries Department. As a result, an additional auctioneer and increased clerical staff were employed. Auctions were held twice a day instead of once.

By yesterday, most of the salted fish stockpile had been cleared in addition to the normal daily stocks.

Departs



General Francisco Aguilar, Mexican Ambassador to China, left Hong Kong by air yesterday for Nanking where he will present his credentials to President Chiang Kai-shek. —"Sunday Herald" Photo.

2 Traffic Infringements

Facing two counts of traffic infringements, 26-year-old licensed driver, Chau Kwai, was remanded for a week after a successful application for a reduction in bail by his counsel, at Central yesterday.

Charged with driving private car No. 4351 at a speed dangerous to the public on October 11 and driving recklessly on the same day, defendant was granted bail of \$750.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Si Wai-ning stated that he would not raise any objection to a slight reduction of the stipulated amount and \$1,000. He would, however, any substantial decrease.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo granted the reduction of \$250 on the application of Mr. P. T. Gridlitz.

Reminders

Today
Classical Concert, Toe H Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.
Talk on "The Life of Albert Schweitzer" by Rev. P. Smith, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m.
Tennis: American Mixed Doubles Sealed Handicap Tournament, Kowloon Cricket Club, 2 p.m.
H.K. Art Club sketching class, starting from Queen's Pier, 2.30 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Hindu Association, general meeting, 35, Wyndham Street, 6 p.m.
King George V School Parents Association meeting, European YMCA, 3.30 p.m. (tea served)
Crown Land Sale, PWD Office, 3 p.m.
H.K. Light Orchestra rehearsal, 27B, Robinson Road, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon talk on "The Price of Peace" by Rev. A. P. Ross, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Toe H Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Opening of Violet Peel Polytechnic, Wanchai.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Ladies Night, Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong.

FRIDAY
Hong Kong Chamber Music Club, Concert at Government House, 9.30 p.m.

Two Charged For Storing Films In Peiho Theatre

As the result of the verdict and rider returned by a Coroner's jury on October 13, the licensee and a sub-tenant of the Peiho Theatre were charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday in connection with the storage of films on the premises.

Siu Wai-ying alias Bartholomew Vee Ing Shaw, 27-year-old licensee and son of the owner of the premises, living at 13, Observatory Road, third floor, was charged with permitting the storage of film cuttings in the theatre "to the danger of the public attending performances in the theatre."

He was further charged, under Ordinance 22 of 1919, with failing to take all precautions for the prevention of fire by permitting the storage of the film cuttings, and with a breach of the Theatre Regulations by using the building for the storage of films.

Wong San-po, aged 38, film developer, 103 Fuk Wah Street, first floor, was charged with causing the storage of the film cuttings on the premises.

At the request of Mr. Charles Mottram, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Kowloon), defendants, who were represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin, were remanded for seven days on bail of \$10,000 each.

Not Satisfied
At the conclusion of the inquest into the death of Chan Shing-ai, 23-year-old theatre attendant, and three other persons who died as

the result of the fire at the Peiho Theatre on the night of September 23, the jury of two women and a man returned a verdict that they were not satisfied that adequate precautions had been taken against an outbreak of fire, that the fire started in drums containing old films which were stored in the basement of the building but that there was insufficient evidence to show how ignition was caused.

They added the rider that "we are not satisfied that adequate precautions were taken against fire from the storage of films in the building and we leave it to the Crown Counsel to take what action he considers necessary against the person or persons responsible."

At the inquest, Siu testified that the basement of the theatre, two rooms above the stage, and 103 Fuk Wah Street (which formed part of the building) were subject to Wong San-po.

His claim was contained in his denial of the charge of receiving the watch which was part of the property lost by Mrs. Joy Waller when her flat on the third floor of 175, Prince Edward Road was burgled on the morning of June 28 last.

Total value of the property lost was \$875, including \$300 cash.

Accused, earlier in the proceedings, pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary at 38 Mong Kok Road, ground floor, in the early hours of February 4 last, and stealing a safe containing \$400 cash and jewellery to the total value of \$575 from a woman, Kwun Leung-sze.

At the request of Detective Sub-Inspector A. Leslie, Mr. J. Wicks postponed sentence on accused until Tuesday. In applying for the remand, DSI Leslie informed the court that, as the result of defendant's allegation that he had been spitting out blood after having been assaulted by a police officer, accused had been X-rayed at the Kowloon Hospital. The report should be ready by Monday.

Detective Lam Kwong, in evidence, said that on the afternoon of October 7 defendant was handed over to him for inquiries into the burglary at Mong Kok Road. After questioning accused about that burglary, he went on to ask him where he obtained the Rolex watch he was wearing.

Accused told him that he bought it in Canton in March last year for HK\$200 (or about HK\$200 at that time).

Bought in Canton
On October 13, said witness defendant was questioned by DSI Leslie in respect of that watch. Lam then said that he bought it in Canton in March this year for HK\$200, or about HK\$200 at the exchange rate then ruling.

Referring to the charge of burglary at Mong Kok Road, DSI Leslie said that accused gained entrance by breaking two panes of glass and removing two iron bars from the window.

He was arrested at the Upper Levels by a constable on October 7, and his finger prints were found to be identical to those left on the panes of glass.

Gifts From HK

A Chinese junk and a Chinese doll were presented recently to the inmates of the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London, by the staff of the British Overseas Airways Corporation and of the Hong Kong Airways Limited.

The toys were taken to London by Miss Thelma Franco, Hong Kong Airways stewardess, returning from the junk who was flown by BOAC from Hong Kong to London by the Corporation's sailing method. On her flight to the United Kingdom she secured children returning to school after spending their vacation with their parents in Hong Kong.

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Studies On Employment Service In UN

Mr. Yem Yu, China's expert on employment service, has started studies on the British system of employment service, vocational training, rehabilitation schemes and social insurance in London.

Mr. Yu, who came to London from Oslo, says that from what he has read of the British system he believes that he will learn much in Britain especially on vocational education for disabled youth and the unemployed. The British system is exceptionally good on this side, he said.

Another aspect very advanced in Britain is the system of social insurance, which, unlike the Chinese is very closely linked with the unemployment service, Mr. Yu said. As the two are obviously closely related he intends to examine the working of British methods to see whether they can be applied in linking these two aspects of employment service when he returns to China.

A branch of the British system which he regards as admirable and worthy of close investigation is the successful use of public works as a means of creating employment and also at the same time, servicing the community as a whole.

Mr. Yu has been largely responsible for planning Government schemes of employment service in the Chinese Government and has written many books on the subject.

On his return to China at the beginning of next year, he will solicit views to write his impressions of how the British system can be adapted to suit Chinese social and economic conditions. He is sure he will discover many valuable principles in the British system which can be used for improvements on present methods in China.

FAIR OPENED AT HEEP YUNN

In the great hall of the Heep Yunn School at 11 a.m. yesterday, Mrs. Tso Seen-van opened the first post-war fair.

There were many attractive stalls, darts and pop-gun, and the usual swarms of people, patrons, schoolgirls, and tiny tots selling sweets. Articles displayed in the hall ranged from knitted woolen wear to toys for babies, mostly handwork of the students.

The classrooms have been turned into game rooms, in which you were invited to demonstrate your skill for a small consideration.

Patrons could enjoy a cinema show and have tea served. Half of the proceeds will be appropriated to build a gymnasium, the cost of which is estimated to be around HK\$100,000, and the other half will be donated to charitable institutions of the Colony.

The funeral of Mrs. Ng Ping-ling, mother of Mr. Ng Chak-wing and Mr. Ng Chak-wa, took place at the Yut Pit Ting Cemetery, Kennedy Town, yesterday.

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ECONOMY CANTEENS
IN HK SUCCESSFUL

Copying the wartime British Restaurant, Hong Kong today has eight Economy Canteens providing cheap meals for workers. Seven are on the Island and one on the Mainland. Seven of the Canteens are operated by Hop Kee and Company, of No. 117, Wing Lok Street, East. One is operated by the Asia Company on behalf of the Salvation Army.

The Canteens are operated under the supervision of the Urban Council, not the Social Welfare Office as is generally believed.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that the object of the Canteens is to provide good food, prepared under hygienic conditions, at a price the public can afford.

He added that the object is attained by the present system of supervision by the Urban Council. The Council exercises statutory control over all establishments where food is prepared and sold. In the case of the Canteens, the Council also controls the prices at which the food is sold.

The spokesman said there is no limit to the number of Canteens. Any person with suitable premises may apply for permission to operate a Canteen. The annual licence fee is only HK\$30.

Asked why the usual practice of calling for tenders for Canteens was not adopted, the spokesman replied that the Canteens are for the benefit of workers and for the purpose of raising revenue for the Government. Therefore, there can be no question of calling for tenders.

It was officially stated yesterday that it is not the intention of Government to obtain revenue from the Canteens but to provide cheap meals for workers.

In addition to a licence fee of HK\$30, rent is charged for premises and sites at ordinary commercial rates fixed by the Public Works Department.

Revised Lists
It was added that the prices of the dishes supplied at the Canteens vary from 10 to 20 Hong Kong cents. Revised lists have been submitted to the Price Control for consideration and approval. Prices charged for food in the Canteens are also subject to approval by the Urban Council.

Asked why some Canteens have been set up on children's playgrounds, the spokesman said that the erection of Canteens on playgrounds was permitted as no other sites were available in two populous areas where the need for canteens was particularly great. The need was evident by

the numbers of unlicensed food hawkers in the area, he said.

The provision of good cheap meals for workers was considered sufficiently important to warrant the temporary alienation of small portions of two playgrounds for use as Canteens.

Hong Kong's first Economy Canteen was set up by the Medical Department in 1948 at the former Club House offices. It was taken over by the Asia Company and closed on December 31 last year when Government took over the building for offices.

Question Considered
While the Medical Department's Canteen was in operation in 1948, the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council was requested to consider the question of establishing cheap eating houses or food canteens with Government assistance.

After careful consideration, the Council decided against running such eating houses itself. It however, sponsored the application of a company which intended to put up 10 canteens. After a delay of several months, only one canteen was actually set up.

Meanwhile, Government received several applications for the use of Government buildings as canteens. Except for Hop Kee and Company, none of the applicants was willing to erect structures although several suitable sites were suggested by Government.

As a result, Hop Kee and Company was given first option on the Wanchai Market Garage in Morrison Street and the rear of the Wanchai Market when the areas became available.

Eighth Canteen
The eighth Economy Canteen was opened during the week on Crown Lane at West Point. It has facilities to provide at least 400 meals a day.

The two biggest Canteens are at Morrison Street and at the western end of the Southern Playground. The two combined serve an estimated 10,000 meals daily.

The second biggest is on the Mainland at the junction of Cheungshawan and Taiipo roads. The Canteen is closed temporarily for repairs. It served an average of 2,500 meals daily.

Royal Artillery Band Due In HK
Touring the Far East, the Royal Artillery (Plymouth) Band is due to arrive at Hong Kong on November 4 from the United Kingdom by the troopship, Lancashire.

The Band will stay in the Colony for two weeks, during which concerts will be given for the benefit of the Services and the general public. The Band will be allowed one week's leave in the Colony.

The object of the visit is to entertain Gunners here and to show the general public and other Services that the Royal Artillery possess a good band.

The Band consists of 10 officers, one Warrant Officer, three Sergeants, and 29 other ranks and files. The Conductor is Lieutenant S. V. Hays. The Band can split into various combinations—a full Band for parades and concerts and dance orchestras of 12 musicians each. This versatility will probably be exploited during the Band's stay in the Colony.

Remembrance Day
The Band will play at the Race Meeting on November 9 and will participate in Remembrance Day celebrations the following day at the Sun Chai Hill football ground on November 15 followed by two concerts at the China Fleet Club in the evening.

Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets are being distributed for and on behalf of the 25th Field Regiment, R.A. On November 10, the Band will play at the square in the Gun Club Hill Barracks and the following day at the Kowloon Cricket Club at a cricket match between 25th Field Regiment, R.A. and the 1st Bn. The Buffs.

The Band will also visit the Battery at Tai Lam Camp, in the New Territories. On November 19 it will play again at the Gun Club Hill football ground. In the evening and give a concert at the evening at the Hong Kong Cricket Club starting at 5 p.m. On the last day of its visit here—November 20—the Band will play at the Chatham Road football ground where the Army will meet P.C.A. in a football match.

BAIL ESTREATED
Lau Sook-mo, 33-year-old unemployed, had his bail of HK\$100 extended when he failed to be present before Mr. J. H. S. Lee at Central yesterday. Charged with importing GY440, exceeding the authorised sum of GY440, the money was found about the Mr. Shing Hing on Friday. It was ordered to be forfeited.

Economy
Canteen

Economy Canteens are well patronised in Hong Kong by workers and other lower-income sections of the community. The Canteen at the western end of Southern Playground alone sells a daily average of 5,000 meals.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

HK Free Exchange
Market Explained

The free exchange market in Hong Kong is the result, not the cause of disorderly cross-rates, said Professor M. L. Qureshi, Pakistan economist, when he left the Colony yesterday for Karachi.

Professor Qureshi added that the root cause of the trouble is that the rates of exchange of many currencies are not in equilibrium with their internal purchasing powers.

The remedy, he said, is for the Governments concerned to make the necessary adjustments in their rates of exchange in consultation with the International Monetary Fund.

"But in so far as the disorderly cross-rates result from speculative activity due to political developments in the international sphere, the problem is almost insoluble," said Professor Qureshi.

Professor Qureshi, who has been here on a short visit, said he was very much impressed by the progress and prosperity of Hong Kong. He said that before the war, Hong Kong was the commercial entrepot mainly for South China. Today, it is the commercial entrepot for the whole of the Far East and the volume of its trade has registered a substantial increase.

This, said Professor Qureshi, is due to Hong Kong being a free port and to its political stability, sound budgetary position, comparatively stable currency and the availability of excellent banking, warehousing and other port facilities.

"Hong Kong has also given shelter to a good deal of refugee capital from China," said Professor Qureshi.

He added that Hong Kong as a commercial centre has a bright future, as the Colony will have an increasing part of the foreign trade of the countries of Asia and the Far East. This trade, he said, is found to increase in volume as a result of economic developments.

Professor Qureshi said he hopes that businessmen at Hong Kong and Pakistan will take note of the facts and establish the necessary channels for the flow of trade.

Pakistan, said Professor Qureshi, can profitably purchase some of her requirements from the existing stocks at Hong Kong instead of placing orders with the countries of origin and waiting for long periods for the delivery.

Similarly, he added, Hong Kong can with advantage handle an appreciable part of Pakistan exports of cotton wool, hides, and skins, etc.

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Donations
For Blind
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Donations to the Blind Girls Home at Pokfulam now total more than HK\$3,000. The annual picnic, planned by the Victoria Diocesan Missionary Association, will be on October 30. It will be the 16th picnic of its kind.

Following is a list of the latest contributions received:

Alumni acknowledged	HK\$2,282
Mr. F. G. Gao	10
Mr. G. A. Jack	10
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wakefield	10
Miss H. J. Anderson	10
"A Friend"	10
Mr. Alfred Y. Hon	10
Mr. A. K. Diamond	10
Mr. S. S. Fung and Son	10
Anonymous	50
Calbeck Macgregor and Co. Ltd.	50
Mr. J. F. Shee	25
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Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Gao	25
Mr. and Mrs. R. Zindel	25
Mr. Fung Ma Yung	25
"A Friend"	25
Mr. E. C. Fung	25
Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Labrum	25
Bank of China	25
Mr. J. D. Thomson	25
Mr. K. H. Cheung	10
Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd.	100
Dodwell Motors Ltd.	50
Mr. R. K. Valentine	50
Total	HK\$3,097

Donations may be sent to Mrs. G. M. Dodwell, Dodwell and Company Limited, Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Building.

The following is a list of the donations to the Food Parcels Fund received up to October 15, which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

John Robertson in memory of Malcolm Hardie	HK\$ 25.00
Received up to August 15, 1948, and already acknowledged	62,808.25
Total donations received up to October 15	HK\$62,833.25

Donations may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Exchange Building.

The following is a list of the donations to the St. John's Cathedral Restoration Fund received up to October 15, which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Canon A. Swan	HK\$70.00
Mrs. D. G. Lissman	25.00
Miss E. B. Atkins	5.00
Miss E. M. R. Buckland	10.00
A. J. W. Evans	10.00
O. Skinner	50.00
R. E. Wilby	20.00
Miss D. Wise	10.00
Brook Bernachi	20.00
Anonymous	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Glen (in memory of the late Mr. M. L. Hardie)	50.00
Rev. S. K. Loong	70.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Waddell (in memory of the late Mr. M. L. Hardie)	10.00
Restoration Box	25.00
Total	HK\$426.75

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Mrs. D. G. Lissman	HK\$5.00
Anonymous	1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Waddell (in memory of the late Mr. M. L. Hardie)	25.00
L. Hardie	25.00
Anonymous	1,000.00
Total	HK\$2,055.00

Received up to September 30 and already acknowledged

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Public subscriptions to the Hong Kong War Memorial Fund received between October 1 and 15 follow:

Anonymous	HK\$12.00
In memory of the late M. L. Hardie:	
Capt. and Mrs. J. Shiel	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Faber	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. W. Walter	25.00
Total	HK\$77.00

Received to October 15, 1948

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tended to the air, too. There hasn't been a fatal accident at or near the municipal airport—United Press.

Inaugural Dinner
More than 100 Royal Engineers attended the inaugural dinner of the Hong Kong branch of the Royal Engineers' Old Comrades Association at the China Fleet Club last night. Colonel D. M. Guinness, President of the Association, addressed the gathering. He said he hoped that the dinner will be the first of many. He also appealed to others who have not joined up to do so. Picture shows a group at the dinner.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

New Modern Used
Property on surrounding island and other areas that has been the property of the road. Half the automobiles in Kowloon County are post-war models.

Some Of The Reasons
Here are some of the reasons more people die from accidents in the home than in the streets of Hobart:

1. The exceptionally wide streets.
2. The level land.
3. Unobstructed view at all intersections.
4. The routing of the two main highways along the edge of town to keep traffic out of the heart of the city.
5. A class in safe-driving taught in the town's high school with the same credit as given for English or mathematics.
6. Safety clubs sponsored for school children by the Kiwanis Club.
7. A programme by three women's clubs to encourage bicyclists to be careful.
8. Property on surrounding island and other areas that has been the property of the road. Half the automobiles in Kowloon County are post-war models.

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CORRESPONDENCE

More Wanted

Sir,—Further to my letter of recent date, when I expressed my disgust at the one-sidedness of the American News Film in the local theatres, I have to apologise to your correspondent Mr. Mark, I should have said, with the exception of the Leo Theatre.

Unfortunately Mr. Mark, living in Kowloon, it is very rarely that I find it convenient to visit the "Leo" which I consider is the finest Theatre in the Colony. I consider it very unsatisfactory however, that only one Theatre out of, I suppose, a dozen, show a British News film—in a British Colony too.

C. H. LLOYD.

Necessary Evil

Sir,—I think your correspondent's writing about the necessary or unnecessary evil, prostitution, might just as well bash their heads against a brick wall.

In my opinion, while there are Male and Female of the species, there will always be Prostitution, the best conducted Cities in the world all have the same problem, Scepter towns especially.

I would say that 95% of the girls are too tired to do a job of work, so if anyone who is optimistic enough to "and" convert them, I would be sure that if there had been a remedy for this evil, it would have been found many years ago. I recall, before the Blitz was every bit as bad as Hong Kong, and I venture to say is quite a bad now. The only thing that did have effect was the Blitz then there was a mass exodus to Moscow and other areas, but that was only temporary.

C. H. LLOYD.

Unchristian Apathy

Sir,—One must, of course, agree with Mr. Ward in his outcry against the position of prostitutes who have been "dragged into the gutter" but his claim that it has been the servicemen who have brought about this misery is an insult that deserves great consideration.

I can speak only for the army but it must be realized that the soldier of today is a very young man; in many cases he has been taken from his home for the first time in his life and he has not been brought to this colony where the only temptations for family life are such institutions as the Y.M.C.A. and the N.A.A.F.C. One cannot praise too highly the efforts of the W.V.S. and of the Laureates but in candid and honest opinion a soldier can only meet his daily companions. Something more is needed so he is forced to turn to the street for feminine companionship.

The blame for the demoralization of many young soldiers' characters and therefore for the unhappy position of the prostitute rests to a large extent with the residents of this colony. I have yet to hear of any serviceman being welcomed into a home without a personal introduction from England and how many of us can supply this? Yet the servicemen are no better and certainly no worse than their local counterparts, we all come from kindred walks of life but owing to the fact that we are here to defend this colony we do not appear to be allowed to partake in the communal life of its residents.

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PALESTINE

By a Special Correspondent.
The truth about Palestine is carefully guarded by armed men. It cost the life of Count Bernadotte when he went seeking it. Yet the United Nations must know the truth if it is to reach a solution which will stand the test of time.

What are the central facts of a situation incredibly confused by Jewish and Arab propaganda?

First, the State of Israel does not yet exist. One cannot call an armed camp, where the administration is almost entirely military, a State. Nor will the State exist until world recognition and a lasting agreement with the Arabs have provided the economic and political conditions in which it can grow.

Till then Israel, without export trade and with its industry and agriculture subordinated to the needs of war, must live on its doles from abroad.

On the other hand, Israel is a well-armed camp. How long can it go on raising money to keep its military superiority over the Arabs by spending freely in the world black market in arms? The answer is: As long as Israel's struggle is treated in certain circles in America as a "heroes' war" and in Russia as a heaven-sent chance to keep the Middle East in ferment.

Secondly, though they will not admit it, some at least of the Arabs are far from lacking a further trial of strength against the Zionist forces. That is not in their interests, but it is bound to have its influence in their councils.

Much Argument

While the Arab leaders are outwardly maintaining an attitude of non-recognition of the State of Israel and insisting on the establishment of the whole of Palestine as an Arab State, there is much argument going on behind the scenes.

A limited partition would suit Transjordan very well. Ever since he took control of the Jordan, the Arab side of the Jordan, Abdullah has been casing round for territory to add to Transjordan and make it a "viable" State, with an outlet on the Mediterranean.

In the face of strong opposition to his Greater Syria plans from Damascus and Beirut, in the coastal area north of Palestine, the stretch of Mediterranean coast to the south, between Israel and Egypt, has become very attractive.

By the last proposals of Count Bernadotte Transjordan stands a strong chance of absorbing that territory and opening the road to a port at Gaza.

Throughout the Palestine war, the Arab camp has consistently prevented its being known. Abdullah has supported every true attempt by Bernadotte. Spurred on by his ambitions for Palestine territory, Transjordan's king is anxious to withdraw his precious Arab



TRANSJORDAN'S RULER

What Is The Truth

By A Special Correspondent

Lesson from its dangerous position and reorganise it to back his plans.

Bellicosity

Part of the bellicosity among the other Arab leaders is due to their fear of Abdullah's ambitions. The Syrians, Egyptians and Arabians face two expansionist forces in their midst, not one the Zionists and Abdullah.

By a technique not unknown in other, and greater, war theatres, they would prefer to see the Jews and Abdullah wear out their forces in a struggle rather than come to terms.

Can the real forces making for peace in Palestine prevail against the pressure to keep the war going?

The Jews are now quite clearly out for bigger game than the original United Nations partition plan. They want all Palestine west of the Jordan—even if it means by refusing to take back the 300,000 Palestinian Arab refugees roaming the Middle East and squeezing out the Arabs who stayed on. Very soon they are going to make a claim for all of Jerusalem.

The trouble is that the longer the war lasts the stronger becomes the control of the young, tough Israeli Army chiefs who do not give a hoot about international complications and whose general feeling about the boundaries of the new State is more akin to the "grab-all" policy of the IZL and Stern Group than the so-called moderate Jews, pre-occupied with attempting to establish a State.

Because they have good troops and arms, they want force alone to settle the future boundaries of Israel. It is doubtful how far their own moderate political leaders can control them; the showing of the latter has not been impressive so far.

Mystery Of Arab Unity

On the Arab side, pressure for further war is due partly to the leaders, partly to popular sentiment. Arab unity is one of the most puzzling things in the world to assess. One can point to innumerable proofs that the Arabs are divided among themselves;

but, running through all the divisions and confounding all calculations, there is a feeling, however weak and warped, for "Arabism" as a unifying force.

Nobody, not even the Arab leaders, can gauge the strength of this feeling on Palestine's behalf. It has long been submerged in a sea of propaganda; but everybody knows that it is there as a slumbering force which may yet conceivably break out in a " Jihad"—the holy war against the infidel.

If the United Nations are really united in their determination to stop the Palestine war and make a lasting settlement, they must make up their minds quickly whether Count Bernadotte's last plan is not the best solution and proceed immediately to implement it.

Israel's leaders must be made to see that, as Bernadotte said, they have a small State, precariously perched on a coastal strip with its back to the sea and defiantly facing on three sides a hostile Arab world. Such a State might win military victories, but it can never win peace by arms.

Economic Blockade

The Arab leaders must have the truth brought home to them that they cannot muster the necessary strength for a mortal blow to Israel. Neither, apparently, can they heal their internal differences and concentrate on the one kind of war which they might, in the very long run, win—an economic and political blockade.

To draw Israel's teeth and to compel the Arab to accept the existence of a strictly limited Jewish State are not impossible tasks, provided both sides are handled more firmly than they have been so far.

Mysterious Smell Panics Frisco

San Francisco, October 15.

A stench that smelled like naphtha or some by-product of petroleum or the natural gas fields was blown into the San Francisco Bay region for hours from some mysterious source at sea today.

It caused sickness and nearly hysteria in some parts of the area.

Riding an 11-mile-an-hour wind, the heavy odour spread along a 30-mile stretch of the coast and was carried eastward across San Francisco Bay into Oakland and Richmond, as far as the refinery beyond there, where it lost itself amidst similar smells.

The smell invaded San Bruno, a small community down the peninsula from San Francisco, and touched off a wildfire rumour that an unknown enemy was making a surprise gas attack. Panicky housewives flashed the word by telephone and attempted to seal windows with adhesive and scotch tape.

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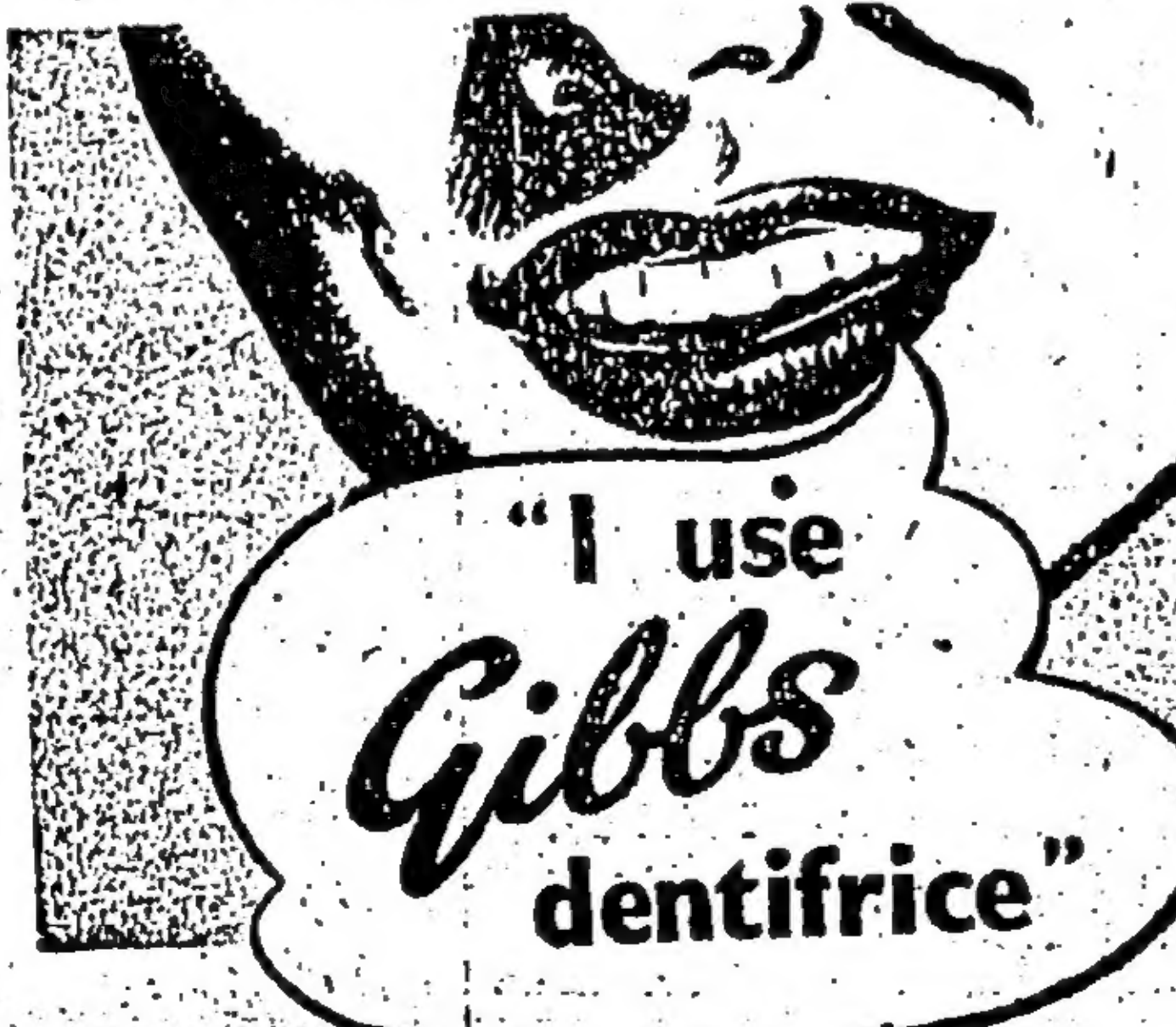
Hurt The Eyes

The smell was strongest near the ocean. Attendants at amusement booths along the beach reported, "Something is hurting our eyes."

Police, Fire and Health Department investigators and Gas Company tracers assigned to track down the origin of the smell were baffled. The Gas Company's rescue vessels, traveling a mile off-shore, reported the smell from the Golden Gate as far south as Half Moon Bay. —United Press.

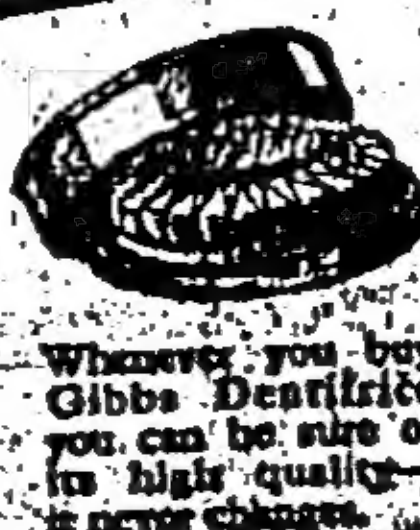
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DE LATTRE DE TASSIGNY

Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery's new job as Military Chairman of the Western Union Permanent Organisation may turn out to be as tough as anything he encountered in his march from Alamogordo to the Baltic.

Any plan he develops for Western Union defence is in danger of missing because Franco—one of the great pillars of Western Union—is going through one of the worst crises of morale in her history.

Her Main Prop

France's main defence plan will be her Land Army. Her Navy consists of a mere 58,000 men. Her Air Force contains little more than 70,000 men. But she has more than 500,000 men in the Army and could, with the help of American equipment and raw materials quickly train land forces 1,000,000 strong.

Can this Army be welded into an effective fighting force? Can it be trained and equipped in such a way that it will blend harmoniously with the forces of Britain and make Western defence-work?

Can the French stamp out defeatism and lift up their morale? Can the Communist-riddled France stand up to the Communist armies?

I believe the answer to all these questions is "Yes."

I base this belief on what I have seen of the new French Army and of its leaders, its doctrines, and, above all, of its young soldiers.

Monty only a few weeks ago made it his business to see for himself how France's new Army is being trained. At one of the

training camps I heard him say to General de Lattre de Tassigny, France's modern-minded Army Commander: "I can see you really mean business. Your training methods are tougher than ours."

Despite the misery of the German occupation and all France's grim postwar difficulties, the physique and the general quality of the average French soldier is higher today than in the prewar years.

General de Lattre de Tassigny, who is directly responsible for building the new French Army, has decided to scrap the old system of keeping recruits huddled

By WALTER FARR

up in hopelessly out-of-date and dingy barracks. Instead, to stimulate morale, he insists that they do six months in "light" camps pitched in the heart of the French countryside. Recruits are called on to do exercises with streams of bullets whizzing around in more dangerous proximity than is permitted in peacetime training in Britain or the United States.

The importance of the airborne technique in modern warfare is being given special emphasis in his basic exercise. Each young soldier, having negotiated a series of tough and in many cases dangerous obstacles, has to climb to the fuselage of a plane and train himself to make parachute jumps. There is a fuselage for this purpose on the obstacle track of every "light" camp.

Close-up View

If you compare the resourceful, supple, aggressively healthy, enthusiastic groups of young soldiers in these new camps with the men who went to war in 1939 you can hardly believe you are in the same country.

The first camp which Monty inspected was at Frileuse, near Paris. Monty was so impressed by the precision of the musketry drill that he insisted on walking up to within 2in. of the front rank of one of the units and asking them to repeat their exercise so that he could get a close-up view.

The French have been somewhat surprised by Monty's directness and ruthlessness. They look upon him as an awe-inspiring figure. One young French general told me: "He is a tough customer, but you can't grumble about that—these are very tough times."

These "light" camps are turning out trained fighting men at the rate of 250,000 a year. Although morale throughout the

country and inside the Cabinet is poor, the morale of the men passing out from the camps is of the highest.

The tragedy is that there are so many Government crises in France that no Cabinet stays in office long enough to develop a plan for manufacturing weapons in sufficient quantity and quality to equip the new Army. There is, therefore, a grave lack of almost every kind of equipment and especially of heavy artillery, heavy tanks, and aeroplanes.

The New Tank

This is the view of one of France's ablest military leaders: "Our Governments are so short lived and so confused that Britain and the U.S. find it difficult to make an agreement with us on joint defence. Without such an agreement it is impossible to lay down a plan of French military production."

"We did try to turn out a new type of tank, known as a 'transatlantic tank' some time ago. But by the time it got into production it was hopelessly out of date."

Even many of de Gaulle's enemies admit that if the international situation gets much worse the General is the only man that can set right the nation's Army.

He might prove to be a stubborn man at the Western Union conference table. He is opposed to Western Union defence being "directed from London," but he understands the seriousness of his country's sagging morale.

Plenty Of 'Fight'

The first thing de Gaulle will do if he wins his battle for power will be to concentrate on rebuilding a strong France.

The magnificent French paratroopers now fighting the Communist-led rebels in French Indo-China, and the tank units which have just completed their first large-scale manoeuvres in Eastern France since the war, are sufficient proof that there is still plenty of fight left in this country.

Given a few swift and determined measures by a stable Government, France's morale problem would vanish overnight. Monty will be a tremendous help—but the French must first help themselves.

Marshal To Visit Greece

Paris, October 15.
It was disclosed today that the U.S. Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) would fly to Greece soon to take a first-hand look at the Truman Doctrine in operation.

Mr. Marshall will examine on the spot Greece's demands for more military aid from the United States, confer with both American and Greek officials in Athens and try to make up his mind whether he should ask Congress for more money to maintain the Greek Army at its present strength.

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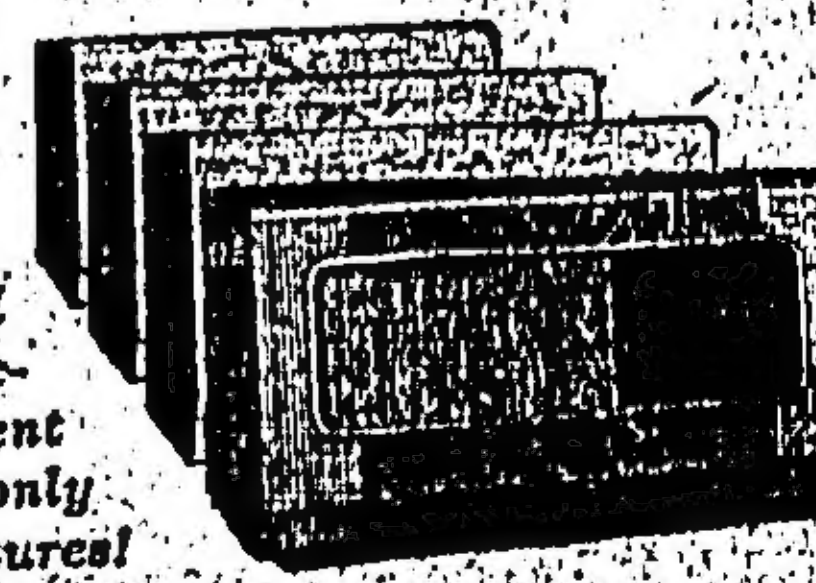


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America Looking To Her Pacific Defence

Tokyo, October 16.

Recommendations to Washington for additional funds and manpower to perfect Pacific defence may be one concrete result from a series of joint Army-Navy-Air Force "planners" conferences at General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters.

Co-ordinated defence plans which have been worked out at conferences of field commanders and their staffs to assure against surprise attacks undoubtedly will call for plugging of many gaps.

None of them are critical in the Far East in the nature of a defence line extending over such a wide sweep of ocean and land.

It is no secret that manpower resources of the Army in Japan are strained to take care of duties incidental to the occupation. This was illustrated in public statements by responsible officials at the time reinforcements were sent to Korea to maintain peace during the United Nations supervised election last May. The only way troops could be provided was by denying normal replacements to units in Japan.

There is heavy responsibility on General MacArthur's command because of the threat posed by North Korean Reds and the increased activity of Communists in South East Asia. As a key point in Pacific defence, General MacArthur's planners must take even that into consideration. That means more manpower in Japan and in the bases which support it.

China Out

An important factor in consideration of future Pacific defences is China.

Asymmetrical helplessness of the Nationalist armies in the face of territorial expansion by the Chinese Reds has almost eliminated China from consideration as a militarily effective ally in the Far East. Aid to China thus far has been pretty well tied up in American domestic political considerations.

Until a concrete policy is adopted in Washington, field commanders cannot count on China.

The Air Force in the Far East generally has been given increases in manpower and vital equipment since the post-war demobilization ripped its huge organization apart. There has been an increasing tendency in Washington high command circles to make the Air Force the first line of defence.

But in vast stretches of the Western Pacific and Alaska, an adequate Air Force means many bases, large quantities of equipment and lots of manpower.

Tsingtao Base

Properly equipped and supplied, the Air Force shows every indication it can take care of its job. But it cannot be done on a shoestring.

The Navy faces a big problem.

Hollywood To Supply Russia

London, October 16.

Mr. Eric Johnston, President of the American Motion Picture Association, disclosed today that he has reached an agreement in Moscow for selling American films to Russia.

Johnston told a press conference that he and the Russian Government agreed on the picture deal under the following principles:

1. The pictures should be paid for in dollars;
 2. "We will present them with a list of films from which they may choose what they like";
 3. There will be no exchange agreement under which the United States must take Russian films.
- "We told them there was a free market in the United States and they could offer their pictures there," he said.—United Press.

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6.40 p.m.—Film Favourites.
7.00 p.m.—Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay)

7.15 p.m.—"Looking Ahead" A review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio)

7.30 p.m.—Famous Overture.
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)

8.15 p.m.—University Programme—Art No. 31 by Dr. J. T. Sheppard. (BBC7S)

8.35 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Sandler & Palm Court Orchestra with Sylvia Cell. (Soprano) (BBC7S)

9.05 p.m.—"Sunday Symphony" Symphony No. 35 in D Major "Haffner" (Mozart), Symphony No. 41 in C Major "Jupiter" (Mozart). (London Relay)

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News. (London Relay)

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.16 p.m.—The Anthropologist on "Contemporary Problems"—"Race" by Professor H. J. Flute. (BBC7S)

10.25 p.m.—Music in Miniature. (BBC7S)

11.00 p.m.—Epilogue conducted by the Rev F.W. Weaver. (Studio)
11.20 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Unique Accident

Buenos Aires, October 15.

Three were killed and ten injured when a large concrete water tank fell on a railway train in La Rioja Province, crushing a passenger coach and a dining car.

The train jumped the rails as it entered the station and a coach hit the pedestal on which the tank was mounted.—Reuter.

NEW VENTURE AUSTRALIA

Canberra, October 15.

Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, stated today that a number of private aluminium interests were considering large scale production in Australia with British Government backing.

The British Government, he said, supported the venture because it believed that it would contribute to the development of Empire resources and save dollars.—Reuter.

AID FOR CHINA

Washington, October 15.

The Economic Co-operation Administration today announced US\$19,324,840 in recovery authorizations, including US\$4,000,143 to China.

China's authorization includes US\$4,002,143 for wheat and US\$5,500 technical services.—United Press.

Alaskan Defences In Thin State

Washington, October 15.

A single group of non-jet fighters—but no heavy bombers—is now stationed in Alaska, a key point in the northern defence arc of the United States, air force officers disclosed here today.

At Panama, another vital sector in the nation's defence perimeter there are 12 fighter planes, World War II type F-61's.

Air Force officials here said they learned today that the squadron had been there since a full fighter group moved out last summer.

These facts came to light with the announcement that the United States Air Force intends to dispatch small groups of its newest heavy bombers—the B-50, a modernized version of the B-29 superforts—to Alaska this winter for cold weather training.

Cabinet Discusses Germany

London, October 15.

The Cabinet today considered the proposal on the dismantling of German factories which Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, made to Mr. Ernest Bevin during his two long talks with him last Wednesday.

Foreign Office spokesmen were unable to comment, however, on Mr. Hoffman's statement today that he was expecting British agreement to a proposal that any continued dismantling should not be such as would prevent plants from being retained in Germany.

No official statement, it is thought, will be issued in London until today's Cabinet decision has been communicated to the United States.

So far the United States viewpoint has been that the dismantling of German plants and their transfer to Germany's wartime enemies would delay the fulfilment of the European Recovery Programme.

Britain and France, on the other hand, have contended that suspension of dismantling would delay the programme, because there is at present insufficient manpower and raw material in Germany to bring the plants into early production.

In Washington, Mr. Hoffman declared today that the British and French Foreign Ministers had promised "fullest co-operation" on German reparations, and had agreed that it was extremely important to dispose of the problem as soon as possible.—Reuter.

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The "Hare and Tortoise" journey to the Place des Invalides was completed by a Westland Sikorsky helicopter, piloted by Mr. Alan Bristow, and Britain captured yet another speed record—one of a new kind.

TO ANYWHERE—INSIDE THE HOUR!

Flying Prophecies By Peter Masfield

A JULES VERNE of the Jet Age spoke in London the other night:

Peering into the future, he saw winged rocket projectiles, with pressure cabins, leaping up into the sky from a London airport with passengers who would be in Australia in less than an hour.

The prophet was no idle dreamer, but a sober authority on air transport: Mr. Peter Masfield, Director-General of Long-Term Planning and Projects at the Ministry of Civil Aviation (writes Courtenay Edwards).

He was giving the Royal Aeronautical Society's annual Empire and Commonwealth lecture. It was a brilliant review of civil aviation's economic problems and its hopes for the future.

On rocket projectiles he said: "It is the ultimate peak of high-speed transport to which we look forward. With theoretical intra-terrestrial speeds of up to 10,000 m.p.h. and inter-planetary speeds of 25,000 m.p.h., the rocket may eventually bring any point on the earth's surface within an hour of any other point—and at an economic fare.

"Although such projects may sound fantastic, the progression to a service 'On the hour' to anywhere in the hour is no greater than that from the stage-coach of yesterday to the 500-m.p.h. plane of today."

Mr. Masfield also said this about THE FUTURE.

Fares

In ten years we can look for fares down to those for surface travel and for speeds above the 500-m.p.h. mark. Beyond the Turbine Era we may look for that of the winged commercial rocket and, perhaps, atomic power.

After the plain jet engine comes the rocket, which takes us into the unexplored realms of supersonic speeds. The best operating speed would appear to be around 2,200 m.p.h. at 50,000ft. or more.

The rocket power plant is a further stage away. It should make possible speeds of up to 5,000 m.p.h. at not less than 100,000ft. for stage lengths of 500 miles.

The prop-jet engine (as used in the new Vickers Viscount) is not receiving the amount of effort which it deserves, and only a fraction of the development which is being concentrated on the turbojet.

Control

IMPROVED methods of air traffic control are essential. Turbine aircraft cannot be operated efficiently under the present system, which is costing millions of pounds a year—losing many more because air traffic has outgrown the control.

We shall have to come to a system of automatic landings for all transport planes to combine safety with regularity.

Until aircraft can be landed solely on individual runways at all weather at a rate of not less than 30 per hour the full realisation of the jet age is impossible.

tion of air transport cannot be achieved.

Regular airlines can become as safe as the railways, and it can be done economically. We all agree that air transport is not yet safe enough, but it is nothing like as unsafe as is often suggested.

Statistics show that in the United States last year more people were killed by death by donkeys than were killed by air transport. One must assume that a very dangerous breed of donkey is reared in the U.S.

In ten to 12 years from now air transport should have achieved a sound commercial status without direct subsidy on any route.

By 1960 British operators on the North Atlantic should have a revenue of £200,000,000 a year, of which half may be in dollars.

Development

Design and development costs are so great today that no private company can contemplate developing a big transport plane as a private venture. Government support is essential before a large new civil plane can be produced.

It is costing £7,000,000 to design and build two prototypes of the 300,000lb. Bristol Brabazon, and the figure for the three 315,000lb. Saunders-Roe flying-boats is £9,500,000. The Brabazon will be a form of a commercial plane, with prospects of a performance unequalled in competitive aircraft.

Mr. Masfield said these things about air transport OF THE PRESENT:

There is a gap of some £25,000,000 a year between the direct income from civil aviation in the U.K. and expenditure on it.

Those £25,000,000—2½d. on the income tax—are the real subsidy price we are having to pay for building up civil aviation.

Civil airlines are a shop-window for national skill, and the use of British planes by British services is a point of importance only to the services themselves.

One Man's Job: To Prevent Civil War

M. Jules Moch Has His Hands Full

By WALTER FARR

As the clashes between Communists and Gaullists multiply and increase in violence, a new strong man of France is swinging into action: He is M. Jules Moch, 54-year-old French Minister of the Interior (France's equivalent of Britain's Home Secretary).

His momentous, self-imposed mission is to step in between General Charles de Gaulle, France's man of destiny, and M. Maurice Thorez, the leader of the powerful and dangerous French Communist Party, and try to prevent them from plunging France into civil war.

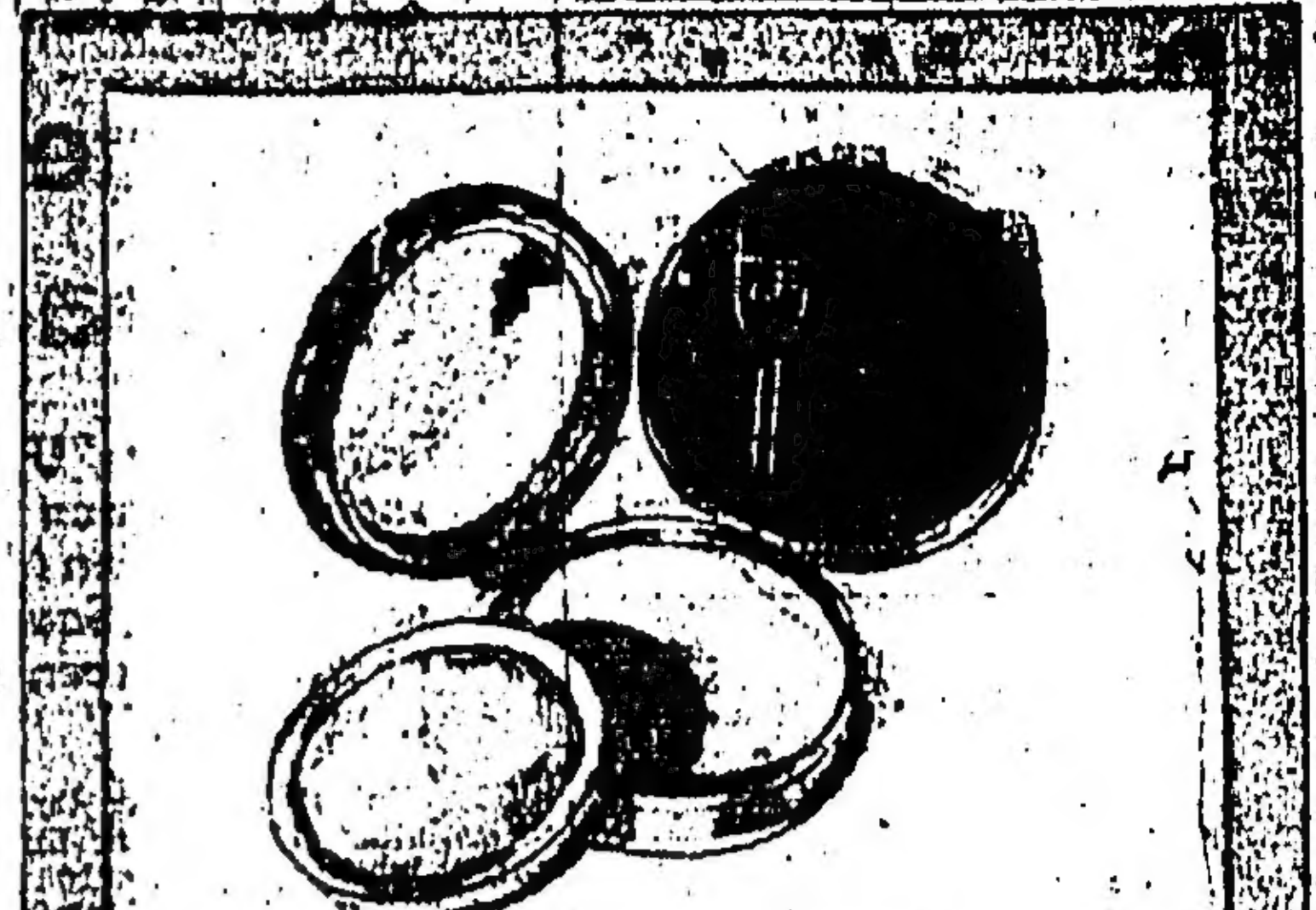
De Gaulle and Thorez are already clashing at each other's throats. Blood has started to flow in street demonstrations. De Gaulle is due shortly to Paris to stage a vast anti-Communist rally, and Thorez is whipping up a general strike.

The Hard Way

Boldly and, many believe, somewhat recklessly, M. Jules Moch has decided the best way to break up the Thorez-de Gaulle brawling is to take a good hard crack at de Gaulle.

He has told de Gaulle: "As Minister of the Interior, responsible for law and order in France and for putting down forces likely to smash the Republic, I consider you are a menace to the State and acting anti-democratically."

Moch (the name is pronounced "Moch" in a Socialist, but he is disgusted with the beatitudes, vagueness, mendacity, and criminal shortsightedness of the French Socialist Party. He stands head-and-shoulders above most in the Task Number One



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THINKERS IN BLINKERS

When the Editor asked me to occupy this platform for a month, my first impulse was to decline with thanks.

For I stood for a while upon my pride as a music-critic—a position which has been sufficiently endangered by my reputation as a writer on cricket.

As Arnold Bennett pointed out years ago, the English public is suspicious of versatility; if an artist achieves a success in a Royal Academy Exhibition with a portrait of a policeman, then he is expected to paint policemen for the rest of his life.

Second thoughts brought me closer to wisdom. The drawback of the modern world is the specialist. You can't get away from him.

It is a sort of fanaticism—an unhealthy concentration of forces which, spread over a small, broad surface, would produce a vital and enduring issue.

The science and chemistry that have gone towards the production of the atom bomb represent an unwholesome specialism; the gifts of genius and knowledge that devised it might have blessed and benefited the world if they had been liberally spread in many directions.

The Specialist

Everywhere the specialist narrows and seriously confines our experience. Nature will not be put into chains. Everywhere the specialist makes his presence felt.

In my club, even, he is omnipresent: the engineer talks of engineering, the lawyer of briefs, the contemporary novelist of the new masterpiece he has just finished, but which is kept back from an avid public only by scarcity of paper and unimaginative and illiterate publishers.

Never was a stiffer old adage than the one about "Jack of all trades, master of none." It is true only up to a point: with the slightest variation it would express a philosophy much needed at the present time. "Jack of all trades, master of one."

Or, why should we expect perfection to this man's opinions on politics simply because he happens to be a famous scientist?

Or, why should editors ask Bernard Shaw to write a column on Beethoven on the strength of the fact that he is a dramatist?

who also wrote at least one Fabian essay?

It is a modern notion that there's nothing like leather. Once on a time, a Prime Minister of England was thought none the worse of it in his leisure hours he wrote on the translating of Homer.

Specialism is a form of degeneration; the part becomes greater than the whole in our sports, even this evil of the one-track mind is rampant.

The all-round cricketer is almost obsolete—if you measure you measure him from the Herts and Rhodessa and Nobles and Woolleys, who each used to score his thousand runs every season, with a hundred wickets thrown in—not to mention W. G. Grace, with 54,880 runs in his career and 2,864 wickets, some of which must surely have been truly great.

The sign of health is a free, untrammelled circulation of the blood, and activity in every cell, in every nerve-centre, in every limb.

A man who can do one thing masterfully can, usually, contribute to another and different occupation. It is mind which matters.

That is why I, personally, am always curious about what a great man thinks about anything. I'd give much to read an article by Bernard Shaw on a Test Match, or an article by Bradman on Shaw as a completely organised and civilised being.

The Time Spirit

But no: the Time Spirit—capricious and irrational—demands differently for this time being: so that now we live and think in minutes. Specialism, glitzy service.

Leonardo da Vinci would be called dilettante today; and what on earth would be thought of Goethe, who was everything from poet, town-councillor, and investigator of the theory of colour of the capillary bone and the dramatist who wrote "Faust"?

Hazlitt wrote on Indian Jugglers, and Cavanagh and the name of Elver. Also he wrote on the theatre, on painting, on metaphysics and on Napoleon.

Shall I, then, be confined by parsimonious and strait-jacketed age to two subjects only—music and cricket?

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FOCUS ON AMERICAN RE-ARMAMENT

A bare two years ago American women with babies in arms were picketing Congressmen's doorsteps shouting "Bring the daddies home." Soon, over 10,000,000 servicemen were back in civvies, demobilized, and were hawking the once great Air Force to a skeleton, and the mightiest Fleet ever known was largely idle in the hands of civilians.

Yet today volunteers are flocking into the Army at a steady 10,000 weekly, the Air Force time concepts are in uniform, big naval and plane orders have been placed, and the Navy has been reopened to accommodate the expanding Air Force, weapons research is being pressed in hundreds of laboratories, and—most significant of all—the first advance plan the U.S. has ever had for harnessing the economic might of the nation in case of war is being put into effect.

For this tremendous change of mood and new Soviet policies and actions alone are responsible. But to reach even the present stage of preparedness the U.S. Government has had to overcome widespread public reluctance and some organized opposition.

Bold In Clamour

Only four months ago General Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff, in pleading for universal military training, found it necessary to warn his countrymen: "War is some of its fiercest for the man who fight it on an overture cheque or on a cost-plus contract. We are held in our clamour for national defence as long as it pinches our pockets and not the purses of our sons. I fear the results of short-term cheque book thinking."

His plea was in vain. Congress, after months of debate, rejected it and gradually voted a limited return to selective service which will give the armed forces a new 300,000 extra men by the middle of next year.

Then the first signs of serious trouble over Berlin appeared. Public feeling swung solidly behind the Government's defence proposals and Congress still is something of a checkbook book spirit, authorized an unprecedented peacetime defence expenditure of \$3,750,000,000 for the year ending next June. This sum is three times as big as the British loan and represents the £ of all Government revenue. But it cannot produce any swift or spectacular results.

It is one thing to order, say 2,000 planes as the Air Force has done, and quite another to make them when the bulk of industry is still on civilian work.

The American Army is weak. Its home strength now is about 300,000 men of whom only 60,000 are trained and equipped for immediate service overseas. By the middle of next year this mobile striking force will have grown to 200,000 and the Army will total 1,100,000. The present Air Force will, in the same period, have increased from 300,000 to 444,000 and the Navy from 380,000 to 434,000.

There will be a slightly larger proportionate increase in the territorial reserve but America's armed manpower will still be nothing as compared with Russia's 100 divisions under arms.

America's Army

The American Army has new light tanks, modified medium tanks, new transport developed since the war, but the quantities are not large and much of it is stored wartime surplus equipment which will soon be obsolete.

The Navy has 280 major combat ships in service, not all fully manned, and there is virtually no new building. The Naval Air Arm counts 5,800 active aircraft and big reserves besides 20 carriers. New naval jet fighters are arriving from the factories but not in quantity.

The Air Force has 6,000 first-line planes ready for action, an increase of over 1,000 since last January.

Modernised Surplus

Most of this increase is modernised surplus drawn from stock but new jet fighters are going into service steadily and the Air Force is expanding at the rate of one group monthly. The reserve are 8,000 second-line planes.

Thus, American rearmament in terms of manpower and weapons available now and in the near future is not impressive. Most of the new equipment delivered in the next few months will be needed for America's own expanding forces.

By CLIFFORD HULME

little, if any, of this left over for despatch to Western Europe. It would be as well if people there did not pitch their expectations of large-scale American military aid too high at this point. Reports of prospecting for new supplies of arms are distinctly premature. Lend-lease would require an Act of Congress which could not be passed until March at the earliest unless war came before then.

American military aid, when it does come, would probably take the form of shipments of three- and four-year old surplus stock now in storage. The alternative of a dollar grant for arms would still leave Western Europe with the problem of finding the money and materials to translate the dollars into weapons while struggling to keep its peacetime economy going.

The most important and most heartening aspect of American rearmament is on the planning side. In the last war it took the U.S. four years to reach peak production. If an emergency arose now the preparations ordered by the Truman Administration are so advanced that the arsenal of the Democracies would be full blast in a few months. Everything is set for a quick mobilization of the whole productive capacity.

Not A Blueprint

This is not just a blueprint in a phrase book. It is a series of steps taken and being taken now.

Some 13,000 factories have been surveyed and targeted for specific types of war production. Another 12,000 are being surveyed. Their owners have been given a guidebook and instructed to have everything ready for an instant switch over to war output if the call comes. Some factories have designated planning and training staffs for this purpose. Over 100,000 machine tools are in storage, another 100,000 are being collected for storage, and "spitpot" orders have been placed for a further 100,000. This means that their manufacture would start instantly the signal was received.

Over 420 wartime defence plants, preserved on a stand-by basis, are being reactivated and \$200,000,000-worth of 50 war materials that are scarce or have to be imported are stockpiled to be similar amount soon to follow.

The three armed services have been placed under a Defence Secretary with three assistants, one for each service, and for the first time the U.S. has developed an overall military strategic plan for the conduct of total war should war be forced on her.

To complete these defence measures a draft Emergency Powers Act is in existence that would mobilise the services and property of every citizen.

Marshal Stalin, it is said, once admitted that American productive capacity made victory over the Nazis possible. He should be reminded of this and told that whereas the Soviet's own projected steel output target for 1950 is 25,400,000 tons, the U.S. alone last year produced over three times as much.

Behind The Political Scene

VERBAL ANTICS OF MR. SHINWELL

By Alastair Forbes

It would have been uncharitable not to suppose from Mr. Bevin's recent speeches in the House of Commons that he was keeping something in reserve for the United Nations Assembly.

The Foreign Secretary is not, like Mr. Churchill, a child of the House of Commons, nor has he, since his special war-time election, proved to be at all a "clubbable" member.

But his parliamentary colloquies may, feel justifiable resentment at the scant consideration extended to them when they compare it with the vigorous and eloquent oration made for the benefit of the wider audience in Paris. No Englishman like to see the best, earmarked for export only.

'Fearless' Exposition

No doubt Sir Alexander Cadogan and Mr. Lawford use their influence to ensure that their man is brought for his own matches to a higher pitch of training than his usual advisers deem sufficient for less exciting contests at home.

At any rate, everybody must have been pleased to see Bevin's principal representative recapture some of the forgotten form which led so many of us to put our money on him.

Mr. Bevin covered a wide field and spoke not only for Britain but for all those loyal members of U.N. whose efforts to secure peace as well as to preserve their organisation have been frustrated ever since San Francisco by the Soviet Union. These nations found an even more eloquent spokesman in Mr. Spink, who performed the difficult feat of making a "fearless" exposition of the fears which beset the peoples of the West.

Fifth Column On March

He was not just willing to keep up Western courage. He was facing his fears frankly in order to show why it is now necessary to move urgently to words preparation for a final showdown, if anything is to be saved either of Western Union or of the United Nations.

Mr. Bevin had himself vaguely suggested that their salvation might ultimately lie in a combination of both, and this view has already won sympathy and support.

It is natural that the Soviet Union, hating at last by its cumulative aggressions, brought the Western Powers a long step nearer to adequate preparation for defence or counter-attack, should seek to disguise itself as a peaceful sheep among wicked imperialist wolves.

To the Communist parties of the West orders have been sent almost exactly similar to those which were agreed upon after the signature of the Molotov-Fishbein Pact had made certain that Communism would side with the aggressors.

Another Fifth Column is on the march, but this time it is one which, as M. Spink said, makes the Nazi Fifth Column look like a Boy Scout movement. Nobody expects loyal Communists to disobey these directives from their foreign masters, or to shrink from their assignment, which is to trade on the fears and hopes of the gullible masses. But it is another thing altogether.

when Ministers of the Crown join in the game.

Helping The Tories

When I read the report, since happily denied, that Mr. Bevin had suffered a heart attack I was not surprised. Mr. Shinwell's latest antics might have caused a Foreign Secretary of far more amiable temperament to "blow his top."

In the first place the Secretary for War had permitted himself to make some observations in the House of Commons of a perfectly disgraceful character. He suggested that the Tories wished to see an armament programme introduced on the economic recovery of the country. This gratuitous accusation must be dismissed as the product of a mind stricken by some dreadful ingrowing mental disease. Indeed, the only positive effect of such utterances can be to make recruits for the Tory Party.

Before he had time to receive from the Prime Minister another weary rebuke Mr. Shinwell was off to Salford in Lancashire, where he took it into his head to deliver a sort of ABCA lecture on foreign affairs.

This time his remarks were calculated to assist the schemers in Moscow (though he did repeat his charges against the Tories). For Mr. Shinwell's message was to the effect that Mr. Vishinsky's "peace proposals" should be taken at their face value and tested for a sincerity which Mr. Shinwell seems ready to find in his long-lost relations beyond the Iron Curtain, than in his fellow-citizens in Parliament.

The poor people of Salford must plainly have been confused by this advice. Their confusion must have been increased next day on reading Mr. Bevin's views, which received such rapid confirmation when Mr. Vishinsky's sincerity, faced with the American proposals for international inspection and control of atomic energy, was tested and found wanting.

Much Damage Done

Apart from that, the last word on such schemes as Mr. Vishinsky's was given 15 years ago by Mr. Churchill when he said that it is a great mistake to mix up disarmament with peace. When you have peace you will have disarmament.

But much damage had been done. Mr. Shinwell's words were quoted and misquoted to good effect on Soviet-sponsored radio programmes. The unity of the British Government was called in question, having already been thrown seriously in doubt by Mr. Shinwell's earlier outbursts. Mr. Attlee looked up from his work long enough to say "Tut tut" to this latest manifestation of "Manny's little ways," but seemed reluctant to change donkeys in midstream once more.

Yet it is surely obvious that now is the very time to make a change, at a moment when the whole Defence position at home and in Europe is under review. What is the value of a War Minister who can only cuss the Tories and tinker with the Army?

Good Opportunity

The opportunity now presents itself for a complete reorganisation of our military arrangements. Is it to be missed? The case for Mr. Alexander's removal from the Ministry of Defence was argued last week. Where the Prime Minister is unable to assume this office himself, a man of the calibre of an Alanbrooke is required. Furthermore, where the Defence Minister is lacking in competence it becomes correspondingly important to have outstanding Service Ministers who are not merely the ciphers of increasingly inefficient Departments.

It is, for instance, very disturbing to hear of the departure of General Hollis, who was such a worthy successor to his great predecessor, Lord Ismay. It is very important that this appointment should not be given to some unsuitable nominee of the present C.I.G.S.

Mr. Alexander and his advisers have returned from the Western Union Defence Conference in Paris, where big decisions were taken which are likely to beget still bigger decisions in Washington and Ottawa.

At the time of writing no announcement has been made relating to appointments in the High Command of Western Union. It is reported that the Brussels Powers agreed to accept Lord Montgomery as Supreme Commander of the new organisation.

The Field-Marshal's friends and admirers have been stung by the tart comments on this appointment made in the editorial columns of the Manchester Guardian. Nevertheless, it would be difficult to find much good to say about it.

Field Marshal Alexander

Lord Montgomery is not best fitted for handling competing "prima donna" such as Generals de Lattre and de Gaulle. He has a taste for politics, but

little knowledge of them. He is altogether without Eisenhower's flair and genius for soldier-diplomacy.

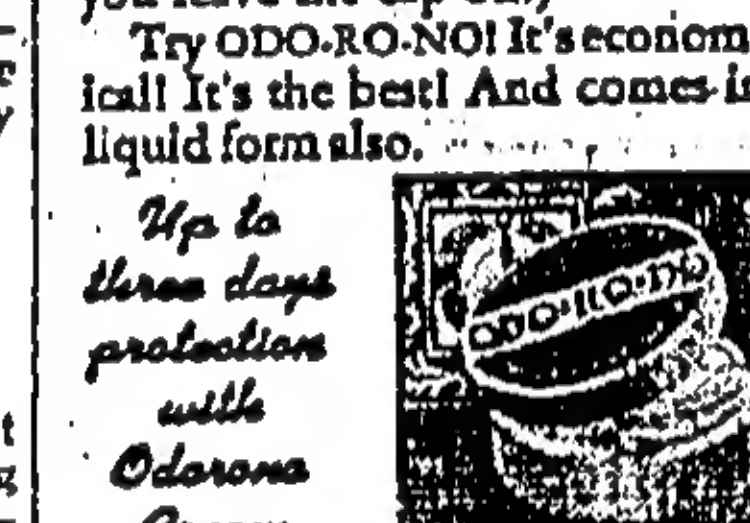
A British Supreme Commander for Western Union there should perhaps be, but we may well ask if it should be a soldier, when Britain's land forces are likely to be small. Of the British soldiers available only Field Marshal Alexander has proved his pre-eminent capacity to command men of all nationalities and politics.



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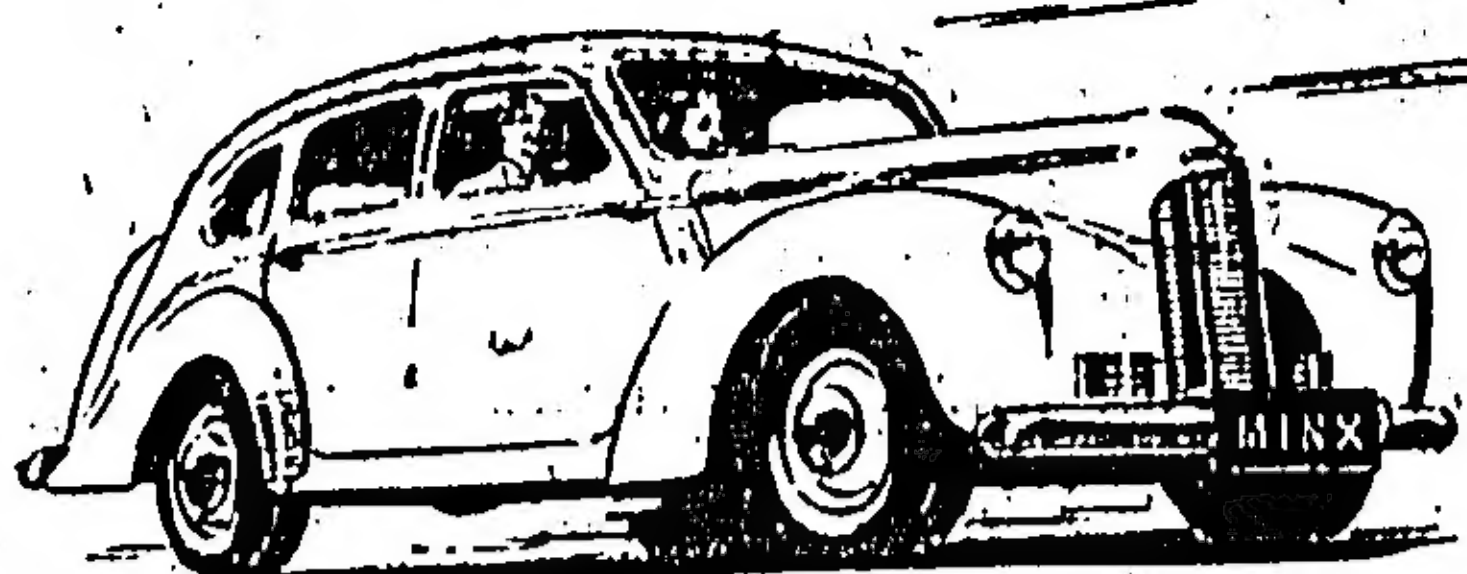
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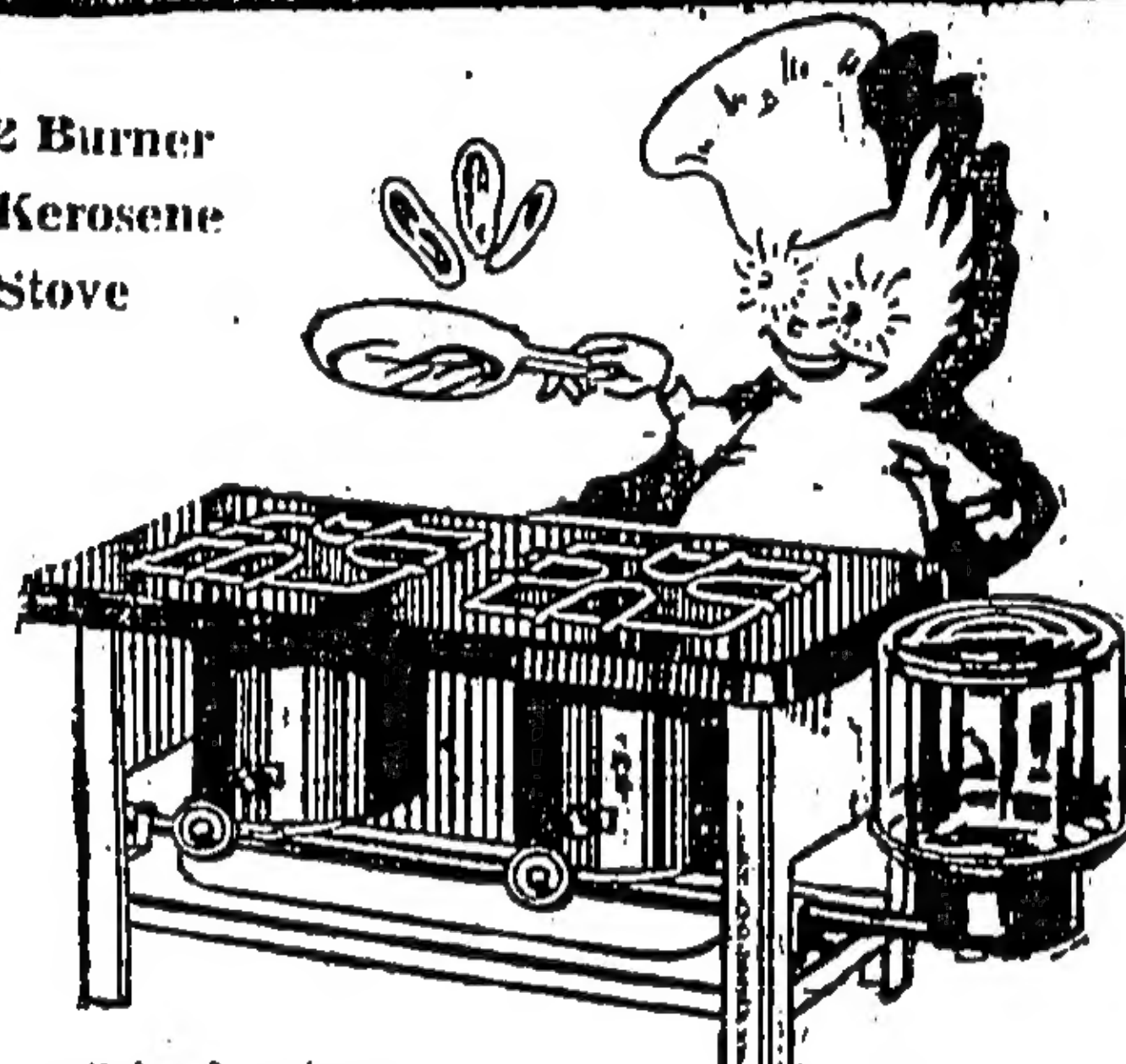
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"Well," she said, "why couldn't we make a rug, with our own pattern and colors and all that?"

"I've told you many times that communication between human beings is only tolerable if the parties concerned observe a precise and significant choice of words. What do you mean by 'and all that'?"

"And all that wool you're going to buy," she said, in a level voice.

We went along to the wool shop. A number of ladies behind the counter, all wearing what looked very like rug-wool jumpers.

They showed us patterns. The patterns ranged from the Chechen Cubist (1927) to the herbaceous border (ageless).

"Well, devise our own," I said. "Everyone has at least one novel inside them. I don't see why everyone shouldn't have a rug." Let us have some red wool, some black wool, and some white wool. We already have all the other colours of the spectrum in our little nest. We'd better make it a full house.

The assistant began to heap wool on the counter. Skinn after skinn.

"Do you pronounce it skinn, skinn or skinn?" I asked her.

She seemed confused. "Skinn, I suppose. I don't know."

"I was only asking," I said, "because it's one of the words I can't do. I suppose that every one, in addition to having one novel and a wool rug inside them, also have one word they stumble over. With me it's skinn. With you it might be inextricable."

When we got home, carrying these gigantic paper bags stuffed with wool, we found they'd forgotten to give us the hook things.

"It's your fault," she said. "We were only trying to buy rug wool, and you go off into all that about everyone having a novel inside them, and not being able to pronounce inextricable."

"There you are," I said. "It's inextricable, not inextricable."

"Shall we design some wool rug?" she said.

We got out some notepaper. I thought for a while.

"It's rather hard. Think of all the possible shapes. Cubes,

lumps, spots, dots, lines, strokes, arrows loops...

"I looked over her shoulder. 'What are you doing?'

"I'm drawing mine in scale, counting the squares on the rug canvas, and then reducing them to fit my paper."

"That's jolly unfair. You know I'll never be able to do that. I'll just draw free-hand."

I drew a rectangle, and then another rectangle inside it, with a scalloped edge. I put a circle in the middle.

"I've finished," I said. She looked up. She was showing off, drawing ellipses with a compass.

"Which part will be red?" "I'll colour it for you," I said. I blacked in the black part with ink. It came out blue. I found an old lipstick, five blue tickets, a packet of hair-curlers, two razor blades, a green glass button, and a broken comb in the Barmecide box on the dressing-table.

I filled in the red part with the lipstick. The lipstick was soft and spread over the ink at the edges, but it sort of gave you the idea. The white bit in the middle wasn't white enough, so I filled that in with the white ink we use for the photograph album—"Me, Mary, Jim and Monty, Prestatyn, 1936."

I put my paper rug on the floor in front of the fire. It was about three inches long, and two wide. It was like looking at a rug through the wrong end of a very long telescope.

"It's too simple," she said. "I thought something like this."

Her piece of paper was completely covered with circles, ovals, ovals, rhomboids...

"What lovely ovals and rhomboids," I said.

We looked at it in silence. "I think something a little less complex," I said.

We took some more paper. At dinner time the floor in front of the fire was quite covered with pieces of paper—very imaginable shape and combination of red, white and black.

We'd already run out of lip-stick. At 6.30 p.m. she'd suggested using blood.

"Just a tiny drop from the lobe of your ear," she said. "Doctors do it all the time."

We took some more paper, and drew more squares and triangles and rectangles and ovals and rhomboids.

Then I emptied the bags of wool over the carpet, and tried to arrange patterns with them.

Suddenly, I saw she had one eye shut, and the other more than half closed.

"What in the world are you doing?"

"I'm trying to imagine it," she said. "Huffy."

We ate some sausages and bread, the plates on our knees. As we ate I shoved the wool around with my foot.

At nine o'clock we were sitting in a morass of sausage, pieces of paper, old magazine covers, rulers,

compasses and more pieces of paper. We hadn't exactly, as yet, hit upon the ideal pattern.

"I'm sorry," I said. "My nerve has cracked. I've got to go out and get a drink. I'm seeing red and black and white ovals."

I shut out, and shot round the corner.

The publican started back, as soon as he saw me, and then passed a hand across his bulging eye. He began to laugh.

"What's the matter with you?" I said. "Don't tell me you've heard a now one about the three chorus girls?"

The publican became convulsed. I waited for him to finish, tapping my fingers on the counter.

"No, no, cock," he said in the end. "I got nothing new about the three chorus girls. But I'll lay my bottom dollar you have. Take a look at your dial."

I looked into the mirror at the back of the bar. There, framed in a circle of bottles, I saw what was the matter. My face was almost entirely covered with Frankle. Geranium—"The Lip Rouge That Really Lasts!"

"Well," I said, "that's a remarkable thing. I was only doing some interior decorating."

"I'll say," said the publican. "And I bet your wife were kept into it, too."

Now, who in the world would believe that such a lot of nonsense could possibly have been generated by the simple decision to whip up an old wool rug?

Another Glimpse Into The Future

By Garland Green

Sometime within the life of my five-year-old son a young man, possibly an Englishman or an American, masked and strangely garbed, will step from the cabin of a giant rocket on to the cratered surface of the moon.

The scientists who live and work and plan in the rocket research stations of Britain are confident of the event. Already they speak of an American principle, a large rocket on the "step" principle, capable of reaching the moon.

Mr. Kenneth Gatliff, rocket research expert in British aviation and a member of the Council of the British Interplanetary Society, told me:

"At the moment the first ambition is to place earth's atmosphere, which means reaching a height of 300 to 400 miles. This should produce a wealth of information."

"It could make meteorology almost an exact science. We could find out things about the heavens that man has been pondering for thousands of years."

"We would know, for instance, about the canals on Mars. At present the atmosphere fogs our telescopes and our cameras. Once

outside it we can get precise information."

Already improved versions of the V2 which hit London have snaked into the atmosphere and taken pictures from 100 miles up, ten times higher than a plane can fly, which have shown both the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts of the United States.

The next development, which has reached the drawing-board stage, is the atmosphere-piercing rocket, carrying instruments, controlled from the ground.

This rocket, or guided missile, having penetrated the atmosphere, could be straightened out and be established in a permanent orbit round the earth.

"The next step of manned orbiting rockets is not much further off. In this way we would get better information about the weather."

"When the B.B.C. announced that it would rain to-morrow, there would be snow next week. It would be 100 per cent. correct."

"The orbiting rockets would function as permanent research

stations, and space weather ships. They could be brought to earth and landed safely at will."

And within 60 years the moon, according to the latest scientific calculations, should have been reached and its exploration begun.

The rocket would weigh something like 1,500 tons—about the size of one of our larger submarines. It might be chemically powered, or, more likely, powered by atomic energy.

It would rise slowly, accelerating at 32.2 ft. per second until it reached the speed of 25,000 miles an hour. At a height of 1,500 miles the motors could cruise, silently, through space, gradually retarded by gravitational pull.

The moon is 240,000 miles distant. At approximately 200,000 miles the earth's pull would cease and the rocket come into the pull of the moon.

The motors would start up again, the rocket would reverse and make a gentle, controlled landing on the moon's surface.

How Survive?

I asked Mr. Gatliff: How would the crew survive the intense cold of space?

Their coats would be electrically heated, but the rocket, which would spin slowly as it travelled, would alternately pick up the intense heat from the sun while its other side would be exposed to darkness and intense cold. This could be regulated to provide an even temperature in the cabin.

How can you be sure, that the rocket would not miss the moon? This would have to be mathematically calculated, and the

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Let us look out of the window towards the Adriatic this week, for in this world of material dangers it is pleasant to know that "visions" are still viable to some.

Correspondent Lina Waterhouse, on the Adriatic coast "mystical apparitions of the Madonna" (twenty-five up to date) have come to a thirteen-year old shepherdess, Anita Ferderici.

A vision was expected on September 19 at one o'clock and people came in thousands, arriving at dawn to see the Madonna and bear witness to expected miraculous cures.

Carabinieri stood on guard to keep order. A Jesuit priest intoned prayers through a microphone and, at intervals, asked the crowd: "Have you repented?" "Yes we have repented," they answered with one voice.

The little shepherdess, dressed in pale blue, was escorted by the local Mayor and two nuns. She knelt in front of the gipsy for some time in silent prayer. The tension among the waiting crowd; they rushed their hands in heaven in supplication, crying: "Viva Madonna; appear to us; it is the time for you to come, Madonna."

The child made the sign of the Cross and stood up; she was deadly pale. The people were impatient to know what had happened; had the Madonna spoken to Anita? The Jesuit priest went quickly to the microphone to say that the child had nothing to report and that there were no promised miracles.

A tumult followed which the carabinieri quelled with difficulty.

A commission of doctors and priests questioned the "little saint"; she repeated that she had seen the Madonna robed in azure blue who called on all to be good and to pray.

Visions

Speaking of "visions," are you old enough to remember the time when Greta Garbo delighted the grass-seed seers of the world by continually declaring:

"I want to be a law?" Cedric Belfrage, Rita Hayworth, at present in Estoril's super-luxury Palace Hotel, having been born in Spain and not in Sweden, does not share Greta's herbaceous ambitions, but she seems to be suffering from the same much publicised, desire for solitude.

She arrived by car from Seville at 2 a.m., accompanied by the Aga Khan's 38 years old athlete son Prince Ali, and her American secretary, and engaged the suite of rooms next to those occupied by ex-king, Carol of Rumania and Mrs. Lapuscus.

Since then the former Mrs. Orson (the Pullin) Wales has remained in a state of siege, her secretary having announced that she is "suffering from extreme nervous exhaustion." The reported, large-scale smashing of crockery and the more portable articles of furniture behind closed doors however suggests that whatever her nervous complaints may be, "Gilda's" physical fitness is unimpaired.

Anyway Rita Hayworth wants to be a law—I beg your pardon—alone.

Famous Bridge

One of the world's most famous bridges, Galata Bridge, which spans the Golden Horn, is in danger of collapsing, and

rocket "timed," roughly speaking, like an A.A. gun.

What of the first man on the moon? Does he get back?

He could return in the same way as he left the earth. Gradually research stations on the moon would be possible.

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needs urgent repairs, reports Correspondent Edward Howe from Istanbul.

Built in 1912, replacing one that had been there for many years before, the Galata Bridge connects old Istanbul with its St. Sophia, the Seraglio and the bit mesques of the old Ottoman capital with Pera, the modern and business quarter of Istanbul. By day it is continually crowded and at night it is continually crowded and you can hear every tongue in the world spoken: by night its piers are used by homeless tramps as their sleeping quarters.

Early every morning the bridge swings open to permit shipping to pass from the Golden Horn into the Sea of Marmara.

One Istanbul paper reports that the bridge has had 10 repairs done to it for 15 years. Serious repairs would cause tremendous traffic congestion, as the city's tramcars run across it.

The bridge is also the water terminal for the hundreds of ferry boats which sail across to Asia and the Bosphorus.

Bruised Nose

Lastly, just to give you an idea of life in Japan, listen to The Case of the Bruised Nose on Yoshioka Takemura, which is now engaging the attention of the Asahi-Kyushu District Court. Correspondent Richard Hughes reports that, Buzel Kaneko, chief

By
JASPAR
SAYER

priest at Shingo Buddhist temple in Asahi-Kyushu district was held in jail for more than a month without trial on a charge of having assaulted Takemura, a wealthy landowner.

Known as the "Crusading Priest," Kaneko, a man of burly physique and persuasive oratory, has led a people's revolt by the Asahi-Kyushu branch of the Japanese Union against landowners and village bosses of Shingo.

The landowners, who organised a Village Protection Society and who allegedly control the police, the mayor, the public prosecutor, seized goods and supplies intended for farmers and diverted them to the blackmarket. At a public conference which discussed the disposal of village supplies, blows were exchanged and Chief Priest Kaneko, calling on Buddha to preserve peace, stepped between Takemura and a diminutive elderly farmer, whose shiny head he allegedly kicked by the landowner.

Kaneko and the farmers contended that, in restraining Takemura, the Chief Priest "accidentally" and gently brushed the landowners' faces with one of his strong "gnarled hands."

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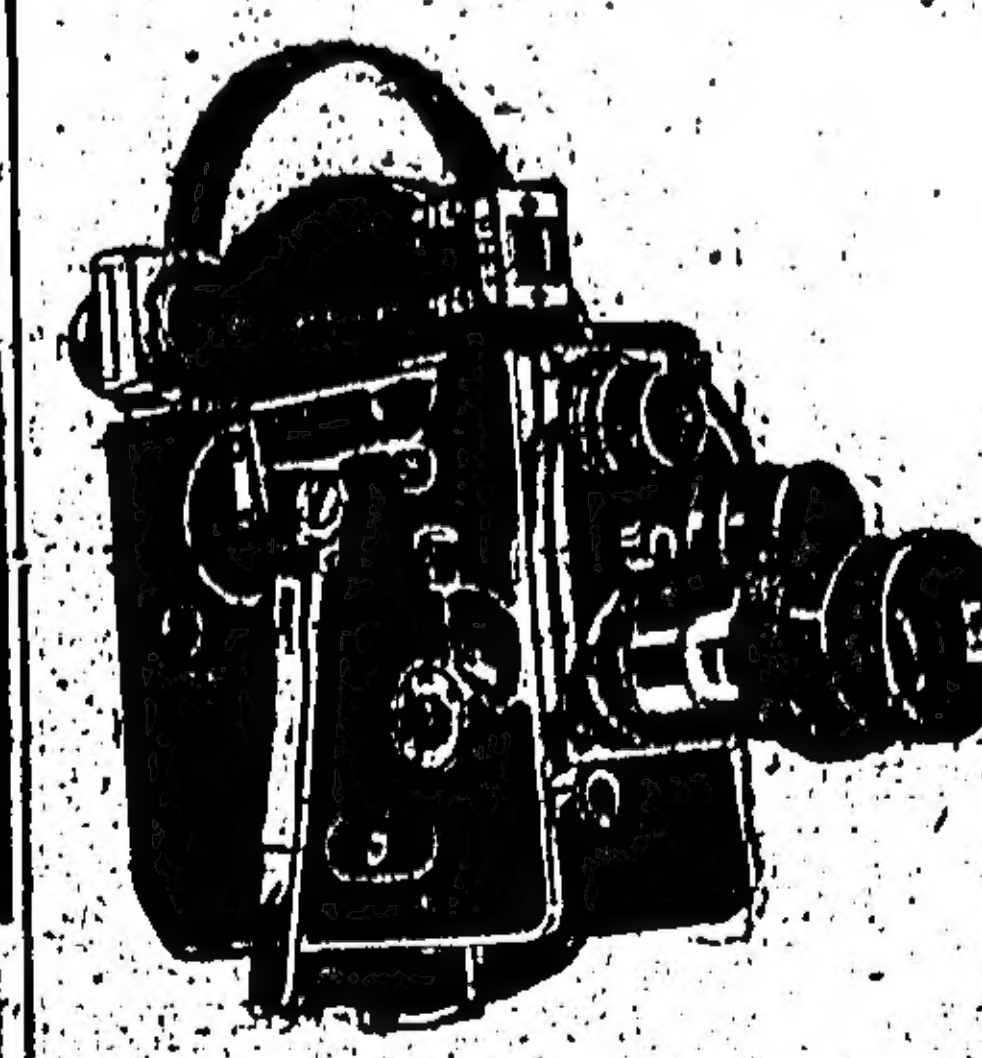
Landowners and police complain, however, that the priest deliberately and brutally struck Takemura-san on the nose, badly bruising it and breaking his jaw, specified by Police Chief Kaneko.

Kaneko shot: "Accept that blow for liberty, you fanatical follower of Tojo." District Prosecutor Kawakami slapped the priest in the lockup and held him there for a month, refusing bail.

In Tokyo, a newly-founded Free Human Rights Association briefed leading radical barrister, Kenji Suzuki, to secure bail for the priest and a speedy trial. Because of important issues involved, the case is regarded as a test and will be attended by many strange dignitaries. I can only remark, that to the victors three years after the war!

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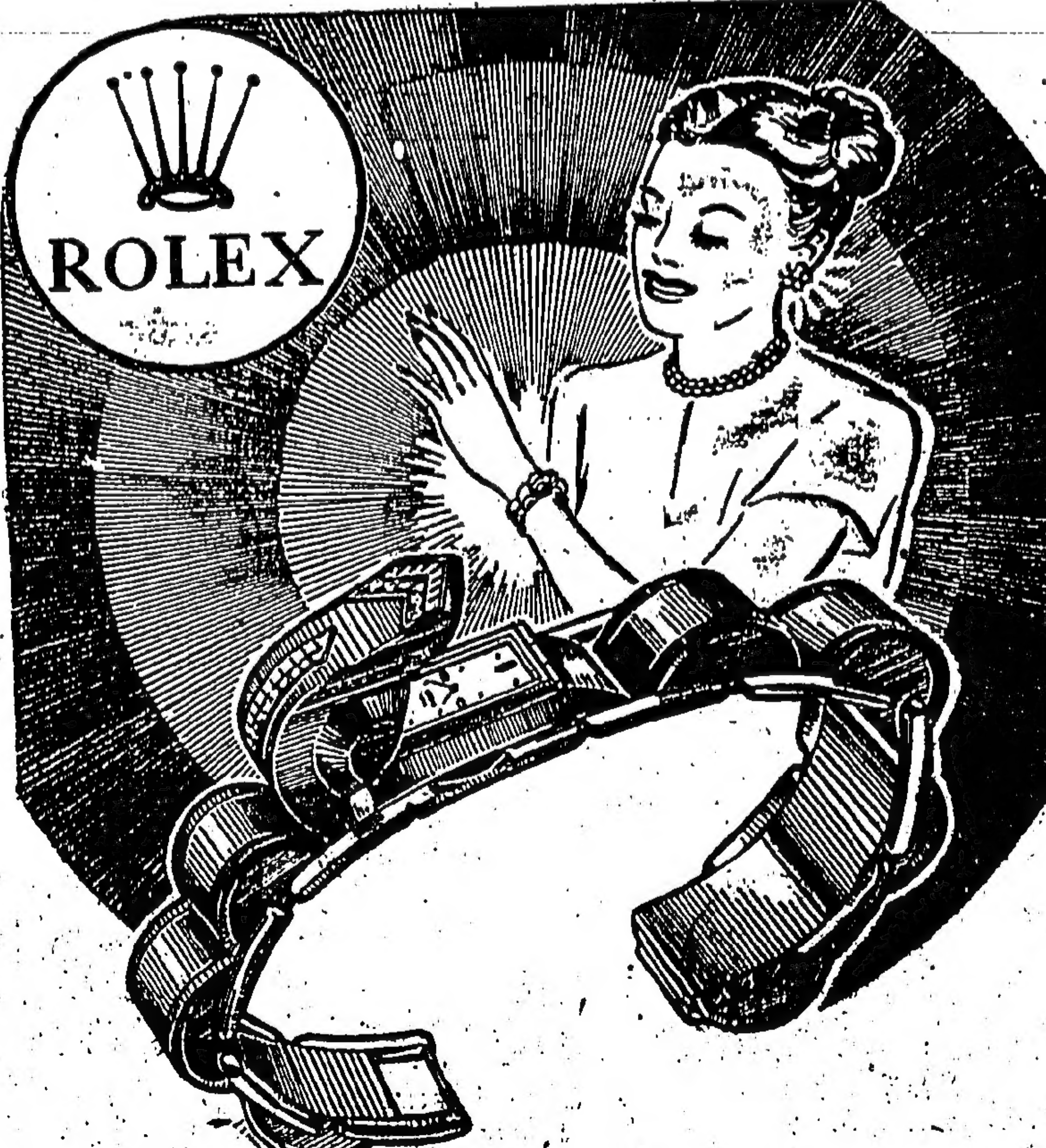
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A NEW BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AS RESULT OF LONDON TALKS?

BRITONS KILLED IN MALAYA

Singapore, October 15. Insurgents in Malaya today killed a former Squadron Leader, Jack Moss, assistant manager of the Jerantut Estate, near Kuala Lipis, Pahang, who was shot when inspecting rubber on the estate.

While in the Royal Air Force he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with bar—the latter for an exploit over the Docezeness Islands in 1943. He was demobilized in Malaya and took up planting in 1946.

Another European named Jenkins, employed at the Gombeck Mine in Selangor, was found today shot dead in bed with a revolver in his hand.

A police communique issued in Kuala Lumpur today said that during the 24 hours ending at midnight insurgents had murdered three Chinese while the police shot dead one armed Malay.

Major Luning Pohn Asanjit of the Simoes Army has been appointed liaison officer with the British Army in operations against Communist guerrillas on the Sum-Malaya border. Both Simoes and Royal Air Force planes were patrolling the area, Major Asanjit reported today.—Reuter.

London, October 16. South African newspapers today published a London despatch saying that "a new Commonwealth of Nations may emerge from the Commonwealth Premiers' talks as a mixture of monarchies and republics, though with the King still as the binding link."

In Australia, the important Sydney Morning Herald said the retention by India, Pakistan and Ceylon of the existing constitutional ties was of vital interest to the other members of the Commonwealth, particularly Australia and New Zealand.

The New York Times' London correspondent, Herbert Matthews, reported that "a search is going on for formula that will permit India to be a republic and, at the same time, a member of the Commonwealth" and added: "Whatever they may have felt a year ago, or before independence was granted, the Indian leaders now want to remain within or linked to the Commonwealth."

Declaring that the Formula would have to be an "ingenious" one, the correspondent added: "There is much good will on the British side, Sir Stafford Cripps and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, are especially eager to keep India in the Commonwealth for economic, political and strategic reasons."

Don Cook, the New York Herald Tribune correspondent, wrote: "Eighteen months ago, when the Labour Government announced that it was ending British rule in India, nobody would

have given a halfpenny for the chances of keeping India in the Commonwealth. But the chances have improved steadily ever since.

"Primarily this has been because Commonwealth status means self-government in the most complete sense of the word. Great Britain has kept her hands off India, Pakistan and Ceylon internal affairs except for efforts to mediate or gain a solution behind the scenes in the Kashmir and Hyderabad questions.

The Advantages
"What the Conference must now do is persuade the new Dominion of the advantage of staying with the Commonwealth, now that they already know the advantages of self-government."

The Washington Post remarked on the "extraordinary and almost unexpected cordiality" in the meeting of the Conference.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is expected to give the House of Commons a report on the Conference which is likely to end in a week or 10 days.

By the time Parliament reassembles on October 26, the nine Commonwealth chiefs will have discussed every aspect of Commonwealth relations, including defence, economics and international affairs and they are likely to attend a Cabinet meeting.

Those still in London will attend the State opening of the new Parliament.

Several Prime Ministers have expressed satisfaction with the progress of the Commonwealth Premiers' Conference. Mr. Nehru, the Indian Premier, whose realistic approach to problems has impressed several visiting statesmen, said before leaving for Paris today that the Conference was "going well."

Cripps Plan
Mr. Peter Fraser of New Zealand said that very satisfactory progress had been made during the first three plenary sessions. "The outstanding feature of the Conference so far," Mr. Fraser said, "has been the friendly and co-operative spirit which marked all our discussions."

The economic experts accompanying the Prime Ministers today discussed details of Sir Stafford Cripps' four-year economic plan which he outlined earlier in the week.

Keen interest is being shown throughout the Commonwealth, the United States and other countries in reports that India's future constitutional status is being discussed informally by the Dominion Prime Ministers and representatives now gathered in London.

Authoritative Indian quarters today deprecated suggestions that a form of "persuasive pressure" was being exercised to keep India in the Commonwealth group of nations. Statesmen from some of the Dominions, however, have indicated that they are interested in finding a formula enabling continued co-operation between India and the other nations of the Commonwealth.—Reuter.

FAO Coming To Far East

Washington, October 15. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is going to work in the Orient.

Officials look for a red hot battle among Asiatic cities for choice as headquarters. A decision will be made next month.

The job of FAO is to improve living standards and agricultural production.—Associated Press.

BERLIN HEARING RED GUNS

Berlin, October 15. The booming of heavy guns near Berlin early this afternoon led to rumours that "shooting had broken out" in the city. Later it was confirmed that Russian artillery units were engaged in firing practice in the vicinity of Potsdam.

Royal Air Force planes in the night today flew over shellbursts from Russian artillery practising in the Potsdam district, an RAF spokesman said.

For some weeks, the Soviet Army has been holding annual autumn manoeuvres but this was the first time that battle exercises had been actually heard in Berlin.

The RAF spokesman said gunfire and shellbursts were seen at a height of between 100 and 200 feet, three or four miles west of the British-controlled Gatow Airport.

"Airlift planes passed directly over the shellbursts, which were in line with the runway," he added.—Reuter.

TSINGTAO FACING A BAD SITUATION

Tsingtao, October 16. This city of 800,000 is facing a critical situation. Most daily necessities have disappeared from shops' counters and are only being sold through the back doors at greatly increased prices.

The food situation is the worst with very small quantities available for the public.

Tsingtao looks like a city on an extended Chinese holiday—department stores, clothes shops, groceries and others are closed down following a wild shopping spree.

All day long streams of people with bundles under their arms are seeking to exchange their Gold Yuan for whatever goods are still obtainable.

The present critical food situation may be due partly to

hoarding and partly to the iron-tight embargo declared by Shanghai and other Yangtze ports against the export of foodstuffs from these cities to the interior.

The situation was further aggravated by the arrival of over 10,000 refugees from Chaochow. This North Shantung Port evidently is being evacuated at increasing speed by civilians.

Official military sources still maintain Chaochow was not abandoned by the garrison forces, but refugee reports said the garrison certainly is prepared to leave.—Associated Press.

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Funeral Orations For Commonwealth A Bit Premature

New York, October 15. The New York Herald-Tribune, in a leading article today, said that political observers "who wrote funeral orations for the British Commonwealth a year or two ago, apparently were wasting their time."

"Although the patient still has a few sore muscles here and there, he seems to be growing healthier every day," the newspaper said.

"The Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers has produced indications that the Commonwealth has real vitality and that the present state of the world adds to its existence."

After referring to forecasts that India, Pakistan and Ceylon would secede from the Commonwealth, the Herald-Tribune added:

"As matters have developed, however, both Pakistan and Ceylon seem content to remain in the Commonwealth, and the Indians may decide to retain their close ties with the British, despite their undisputed right to break all connections at any time they so desire."

U.S. Pleased
"One reason for this change of heart is that the British have proved that they had no reservations of any kind when they offered complete independence, either inside or outside the Commonwealth, to India and Pakistan."

The paper commented that if India remained in the Commonwealth, the decision would be a source of gratification to America. "While there may be some loss of American trade as a result of

the survival of a strong Commonwealth, this would be a small price to pay for the additional stability of the world if such peoples as the Indians and the British were close friends."—Reuter.

Shinwell Refuses To Reply

London, October 15. Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the Minister of War, today declined further details of the number of Guardsmen sent to Malaya with less than six months training, but he left it open to Mr. Oliver Lyttelton to raise the matter in the House of Commons.

In a second letter Mr. Lyttelton last night asked for the number of men with less than six months training before they sailed and the number in REME, RASC and RAMC who sailed about the same time with less than six months training.

Tonight Mr. Shinwell wrote to Mr. Lyttelton: "I am surprised to find in your letter of October 15 that you had failed to withdraw the statement you made in the House of Commons that by far the greater number of men in the Guards Brigade sent to Malaya had had only a few weeks training."

"In the circumstances the questions you now raise can best be dealt with in the House."

Yesterday Mr. Shinwell admitted he was misinformed in saying during the defence debate in the House of Commons that not a single man was sent to Malaya without at least six months basic training. The number was 67 out of 1,700. He also claimed that Mr. Lyttelton's original statement was inaccurate.—Reuter.

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Something Rotten In Soviet Zone

Berlin, October 15. The leadership of the German Communists in the Russian zone publicly stated today that widespread "anti-Soviet elements" had been discovered in party ranks and demanded a ruthless purge, even if it reached into upper circles.

Special articles on this were carried in Neues Deutschland, official organ of the Soviet-sponsored, Communist-controlled Socialist Unity Party. The articles were signed by Communist Wilhelm Fleck, Party Chairman, and other leaders.

They classified those who repeat anti-Soviet propaganda, members who grumble about poor economic conditions and "parasites" in the public administration.

Instead of criticising the Russians, the grumblers should turn their critical cannons against the Western Powers, one leader wrote.

Publication of Communist Party purge demands were interpreted by Allied observers here as further evidence of political and economic unrest in the Russian zone.

Previous hints and official disclosures that such conditions exist in Eastern Germany have included:

1. Official admission that industrial production targets are falling short while Western Germany, in contrast, is booming.
2. Food was so short earlier this year that the Russians had to import supplies from the Soviet Union and its satellites to quell unrest.
3. Official disclosure that huge Communist "People's Police"

forces were organised, purportedly to protect the young democracy of Eastern Germany.

4. Repeated reports of widespread Communist drives against non-Communist Eastern German and industry remaining in private hands.—Associated Press.

US Starts New Uranium Plants

Washington, October 16. The United States Atomic Energy Commission today announced plans for two new plants to process uranium ore, the raw material of atomic bombs.

The Commission said that the plants at Durango, Colorado, and in the White Canyon district of South-East Utah will be operated for the Government by the Vanadium Corporation of America. Both are to be in operation next year.

The Utah plant marks a new step in the Commission's widespread search for workable domestic uranium ores. The area had not previously been mined for uranium.

The AEC said "it is expected" that the construction of the Utah plant will "stimulate prospecting and mining in this new district. Scattered ore showings extend over many miles down into Arizona."

The Government-owned vanadium mill at Durango, will be rehabilitated by the Vanadium Corporation for more than \$200,000.—United Press.

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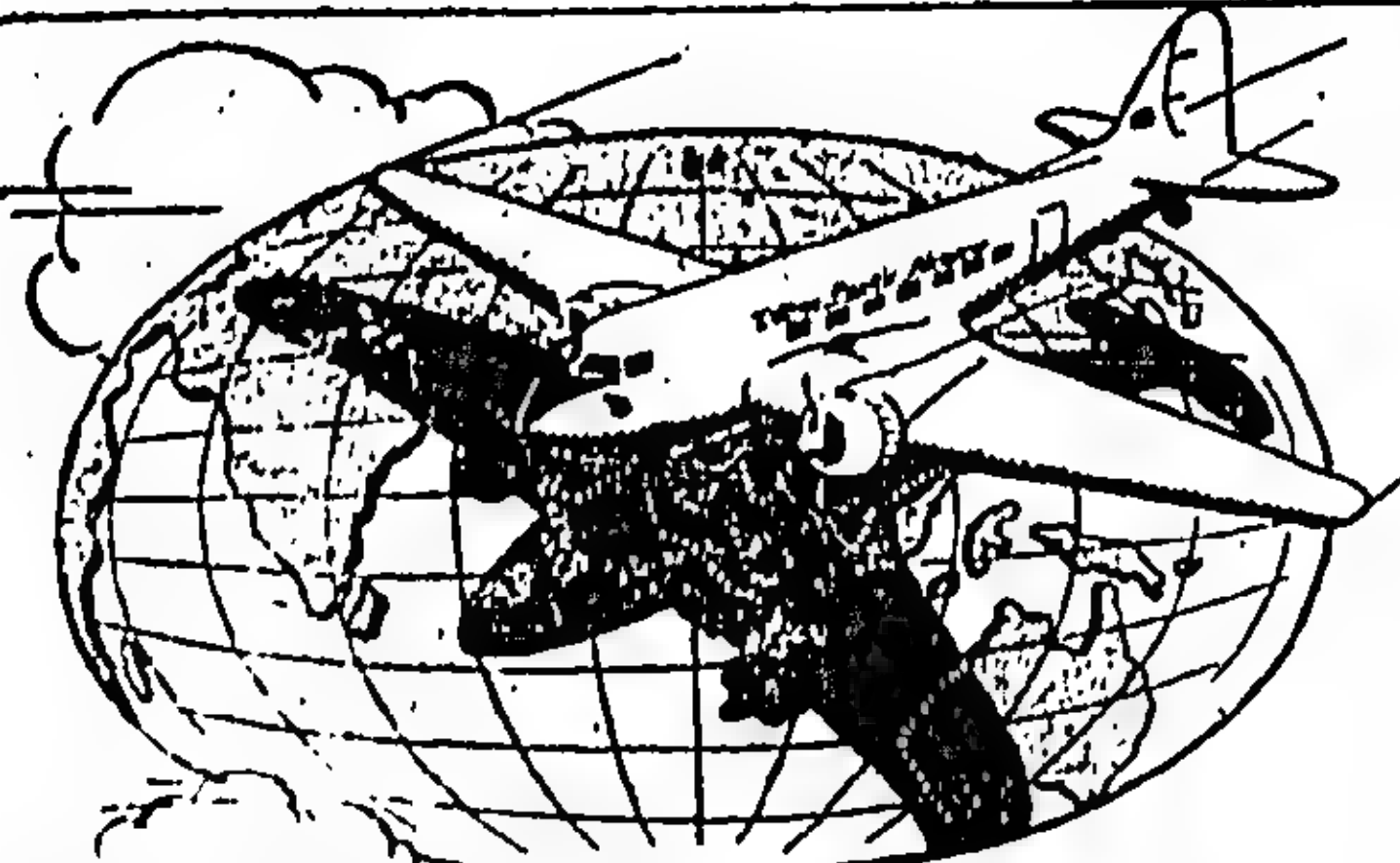
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GRANT-HITCHCOCK—Mr. J. W. Grant of Stanley announces the engagement of his eldest daughter, Gloria, to Basil (Bob), only son of Mr. & Mrs. F. T. Hitchcock of Wallington, Surrey.

DEATH

OLLERDESSON—At his residence, on Saturday, October 16, 1946, Albert Francis Ollerdeson, Funeral service at the Colonial Cemetery, Chapel today (October 17) at 5 p.m.

DE GAULLE?

Is it to be General de Gaulle or chaos? The time when such a question may be put very grimly as the result of developing crisis in France may very well be close. The whole complex of circumstances seem to be moving in that direction, despite Sir Duff Cooper's optimistic estimate in his article in this page. The succession of strikes is not conclusive, but it is symptomatic. Only the woolly-minded would suppose that the industrial unrest proceeds of its own volition without powerful inspiration. The stoppage of coal production is clearly designed to work towards the Communist goal of compelling the United States to pour its resources down a hole in Europe. It serves also directly to depress the already low standard of living throughout the country, drive prices still higher, threaten all productive enterprise and create the turmoil and discontent essential to the creation of the conditions for Communist intervention on a national scale.

Paradoxically, the kind of political regime nearest to the democratic ideal—a moderate government—appears in this case the best suited to deal with the situation. This is due to many factors, but mostly to the strength of the de Gaulle movement which has sapped every other anti-Communist group, and the opposing strength of the Communists, which while not dominating, carries thirty per cent support in the Chamber. In these circumstances, the Premier, Henri Queuille cannot lead an effective government. Such flabbiness would be disturbing at any time; at the height of the cold war it ranks as menacing. French co-operation is indispensable to the Western Powers in the present crisis. A France turned Communist would leave them perilously outflanked on the Continent. General de Gaulle is far too Right politically to suit most tastes—but if he proves to be the only alternative to a Communist regime, it would become Hobson's choice.

SPECIOUS

If they have done nothing else, the debates of the past week in the Political Committee of the United Nations Assembly have underlined the value which the Soviet Government sets upon UNO as a platform for propaganda. Vishinsky has stood up upon this particular platform to broadcast to the world his vituperations against the Western democracies, in the next breath to preach the virtues of mutual trust and understanding and then, as a gesture of specious realism, to produce a series of proposals on disarmament which he submitted as great concessions on the part of Russia. Nobody with any political insight, of course, would expect the Western Powers to swallow the bait held out in the Vishinsky proposals. In the first place, Vishinsky offers to give data of the Soviet's armed strength only if his proposals for a reduction by one-third of the

DON'T BE SO PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FRANCE

I find, on returning to England after being away for a month or two, that the people of Great Britain are now much interested in the French people and are concerned about the future of France.

I am glad that it is so, because concern will lead to inquiry, and inquiry may produce knowledge, and the more the peoples know about one another the better.

I do not share the anxiety about France's future that is widely felt in Great Britain. There are many things to be anxious about in the world today, but the future of France comes low on the list.

I am surprised to find myself treated on arriving from France as though I had escaped from a great danger, and I am regarded as something of a hero when I announce my intention of returning there.

People are incredulous when I assure them that conditions there compare, in many ways, favourably with those in this country.

I tell my friends that there is quite a good Government now in office in France, to which they reply: "Yes, but how long will they last?" That I cannot answer, but surely it is better to have a good Government that will not last than a bad Government that will?

Several Chances

Apart from the fact that there have been several changes of Government, which is not in itself a misfortune, the record of France since the war is not a bad one.

The work of reconstruction—nearly every bridge in the country had been destroyed before the liberation—has been remarkably rapid. Two bad harvests have delayed economic recovery, which should now be well on its way.

Although they have had, and continue to have, difficulties in Indo-China, their empire is otherwise intact and remained loyal even in the days of defeat.

They have not, as we have, lost control over 400,000,000 of their fellow-subjects, watched a sub-continent plunged into massacre and anarchy, and been forced to connive at a war of aggression against an ancient ally.

I am also asked whether there will not shortly be a revolution in France, to which I reply by asking: who is going to revolt against whom and for what reason?

It has been truly said that it is not impatience of suffering but hope of improvement that more often produces revolution. There is nobody so foolish as to believe that a revolution in France could improve anything at the present time.

The first object of every revolution must be to get rid of the Government, but nobody can go in the trouble of starting a revolution in order to get rid of a Government which will probably fall in any case at the end of next week.

But what is probably at the root of British anxiety about France is the fear that she may fall into one form or another of totalitarianism, which is the curse and horror of our age.

We fought the first world war in the hope that we might make

the world safe for democracy, and the result of our victory was that there was less democracy in the world than there had been before.

In the second world war we believed that we had defeated totalitarianism, but since we won it we have witnessed one after another of our former friends falling victim to this hideous form of tyranny.

Democratic

France at least remains democratic, and when people speak of her with pity I reply: "Say rather, 'Poor Poland, poor Czechoslovakia, poor Yugoslavia, poor Hungary, poor Rumania, poor Bulgaria, rather than poor France.'"

But, seeing how many countries have already fallen, it is not unreasonable to fear lest France also should become a victim to totalitarianism.

There are two forms of the disease—the Nazi-Fascist and the Communist. There are differences between these two forms, but the differences are less important and less striking than the

similarities. Looking at France, the nervous Briton—and there are too many nervous Britons in these days—sees the danger of one form or the other of this disease overwhelming our nearest neighbour.

I believe the danger to be exaggerated, but it would be folly to pretend that it does not exist. It is a grave error in peace or in war to underestimate the power of the opponent.

Of the two menaces Communism is plainly the greater. It is a fact, and a formidable fact, that in the French Assembly, elected two years ago, the Communists are the largest party.

It is also a fact, about which there can be no argument, that every Communist who is a loyal member of the party, whether he be a Frenchman or an Englishman, a Chinese or a Negro, is an active agent of the Russian Government.

But the French Communist Party are not doing well. They have almost certainly lost ground

since the last election. Nobody knows what will happen in an election until the ballot-boxes are opened, but the best opinion and the best information available point to Communist losses being more probable than Communist gains.

There are many good reasons why France should never accept Communism. The French are a nation of individualists—they are more individualistic, perhaps, than any people except the Spaniards.

They love property, and they are a nation of small proprietors. They resent State interference and—what is more—they resist it. The British will accept almost anything once it is the law of the land, but the French have a lofty contempt for law and rejoice in breaking it.

Deeply Rooted

They are intensely nationalist in sentiment, and the plainer it becomes to them that the French Communist Party are controlled from Moscow the fewer votes that party will score.

Who Should Be

This illustrious gathering should indeed be removed from party politics, but who from their ranks would be eligible? The sad truth is that although not all Tories are Empire men, all Empire men are Tories.

So much has been made of the intangible bonds of Empire that it has become a political fashion to suppose that nothing else is required. But the Empire is organic in character, not static. We must find ways and means of maintaining and strengthening the heavy stresses to which they are increasingly subject in this changing world, if we really mean them to endure.

The first business of this Council of Empire, therefore, should be to set up a permanent Empire Organisation, with an adequate secretariat taking over the Colonial Office and co-opting the Dominion High Commissioners, to work within the framework of the United Nations.

The only hope of our survival in the present threatening international situation, quite apart from building up a decent standard of living for all British peoples, lies in joint Empire strategy, economic development, and the pooling of our vast untapped resources.

The sovereign status of the Dominions makes the formulation of a common foreign and defence policy naturally and properly dependent upon their agreement. We have not as yet even an organisation within which to agree.

Empire Day

Apart from defence, the Empire Organisation should rationalise Colonial development on an immense task which requires the brains, resource and good will of all British subjects.

Why should not Empire Day become the great national holiday instead of an obscure Monday in August which is entirely without significance?

What of the Royal Standard itself? Where are the insignia of the Dominions, of which His Majesty is also King? Here is the opportunity for a most gracious commitment to be paid during the forthcoming royal visit; for it will not be the King of England who will land from H.M.S. Vanguard in Auckland and Sydney, but the King of New Zealand, of Australia.

Says Sir DUFF COOPER

Also there exist in France a powerful minority, widespread and deeply rooted, which is devoted to the Catholic Church, the best organised adversary of Communism in the world today.

We should be clear in our own minds as to what we mean when we say that we are afraid of France "going Communist."

Communism, as an economic theory, is no more dangerous than existentialism or dadaism, or any other fashionable fad which the pseudo-intellectuals adopt from time to time.

The mid-Victorian theory of Communism expounded in an unreadable book by the most unpleasant of all German refugees has already become old-fashioned and lost its glamour for the keener minds of the new generation.

It is the use that is made of theories, not the theories themselves, that is dangerous. The exploded nonsense of fascism and nazism never appealed to a single individual of first-rate intelligence, yet with the help of Mussolini and Hitler they came near to conquering the world.

It is not, therefore, Communism of which we are afraid, but of the international conspiracy which, in the name of Communism, is being launched by Moscow against humanity.

Hesitations

The British Government have sources of information that are not open to private individuals. If they are now hesitating to put complete confidence in France because they fear she may fall a victim to this conspiracy there is one method which they could adopt to prevent it.

They could say to the people of France, in no uncertain language, that they can have no reliance upon a country which permits members of the international conspiracy to take part in their Government.

We cannot be expected to place our security in the hands of those who are in the service of the enemy. If it were widely known to the French people before an election took place that a Communist majority would mean not only the domination of Moscow but also the forfeiture of the good will of both Great Britain and the United States, the fading hopes of the Communist Party would be extinguished.

It will be objected that such a declaration on the part of His Majesty's Government would constitute a flagrant and unjustifiable interference in the internal affairs of another country. But this is the language of a bygone age. Gone are the days when we could all cultivate our own gardens behind high walls and, ignoring the outside world, thank God that we were not as other men.

Good Principle

To mind our own business is still a good principle, but what is going on in Europe is our business, our most vital business. If two world wars have failed to teach us that, they have taught us nothing.

When the Italians were giving each other castor-oil and when the Germans were burning books and torturing Jews we were assured that it was no business of ours, and that we should allow these amiable people to amuse themselves in their own way. And so we did until the dread day came when we had to choose between becoming their vassals or fighting them to the death.

Let us pray that that day does not come again; but if it must, let us make sure at least that France will once more be standing by our side for if we lose France we lose Europe.

JAMES BROUGH profiles the almost-certain successor to America's Secretary of State

Mr. Marshall Of Tomorrow

John Foster Dulles always made the world his oyster. He was trained in diplomacy in the way that other youths are schooled in banking or boiler-making.

Today he is prying open his favourite shellfish. Barring a catastrophe, he will be America's new Secretary of State when Governor Tom Dewey is elected America's 33rd President. As, short of a miracle, he will be.

Dulles, now 60, first showed his gift for diplomacy by taking a nurse along on his honeymoon 36 years ago, when he was recuperating from a bout of malaria.

The same fearlessness led him in 1926 to make a lonely forecast: War with Japan is inevitable.

He was only 19 when he took the primary course in international disputes as private secretary to his grandfather, who represented China at The Hague Peace Conference in 1907.

Twelve years later there was another peace to patch together, and Dulles was arguing against unpayable German reparations with Britain's John Maynard Keynes.

Acute astigmatism, which keeps him peering at the world through pebble lenses, kept him from fighting in World War I—he was an intelligence major.

But after peace they peered so keenly into the affairs of the New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, which he joined as a \$10 a week junior clerk, that he was finally appearing in working clothes and this tall, stooping, rumpled lawyer has earned a personal fortune from international litigation.

At luncheon and dinner parties in the few stuffy, but select New York clubs, Dulles and his friends used to converse with the upstart Hitler, while the prospective Secretary of State blinked his blue eyes and blinded his listeners with translucent logic over the coffee and brandy.

By 1939 Dulles was strong against the U.S. staying out of Britain's war. But a year later the philosopher-diplomat was turning towards the idea that became United Nations—briefing his protegee, young Tom Dewey, on foreign affairs.

At the San Francisco birth of United Nations Senator Arthur Vandenberg, much to President Roosevelt's annoyance, made Dulles his adviser.

In the suite they shared at the Fairmont Hotel America's bipartisan foreign policy was weaned, and Dulles has been a backbone influence on it ever since.


He is a great believer in American unity, not in party bickering. He is a crusader for peace, who has found war ultimately "to be the lesser of two evils."

Dulles—involuntarily a detective-story fan—will hunt for a solution of Western Europe's appointment with fear in the guarantees from Congress that America will protect Britain and her neighbours from aggression.

Look for him, to the Western Germany, much more tightly to Marshall Plan countries. But don't look for the oyster to open too wide for John Foster Dulles.

As Tom Dewey said pointedly the other day: "The Constitution directly charges the President and not the Secretary of State with the conduct of foreign affairs."

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Miss Thebus Maria Franco, 20 years' old stewardess of the Hong Kong Airways, was in charge of a party of nine children returning to school in Britain, after spending their holidays in Hong Kong. Miss Franco is seen here with the children and the pilot, Captain Jack Payne, on their arrival at Southampton. (B.O.A.C. Photo)



Music for the race-goers was supplied by the Royal Marines Band as pictured above. (China Mail Photo)



Tea party held at Mr. T. W. Kwok's residence to celebrate the Double Tenth (Left to Right) Air Commodore Webster, the G.O.C., Major General Matthews, and Commodore Robertson. (China Mail Photo)



Mr. Ko Chuk Hung, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce addressing the Chamber's party celebrating the Double Tenth. (China Mail Photo)



Mr. Jackie Pota Hunt on "Frostlight" being led in, after winning the Nathan Handicap (2nd section) at the Double Tenth race-meeting. (China Mail Photo)



Just after rounding the bend during the Kwangtung Handicap. (China Mail Photo)

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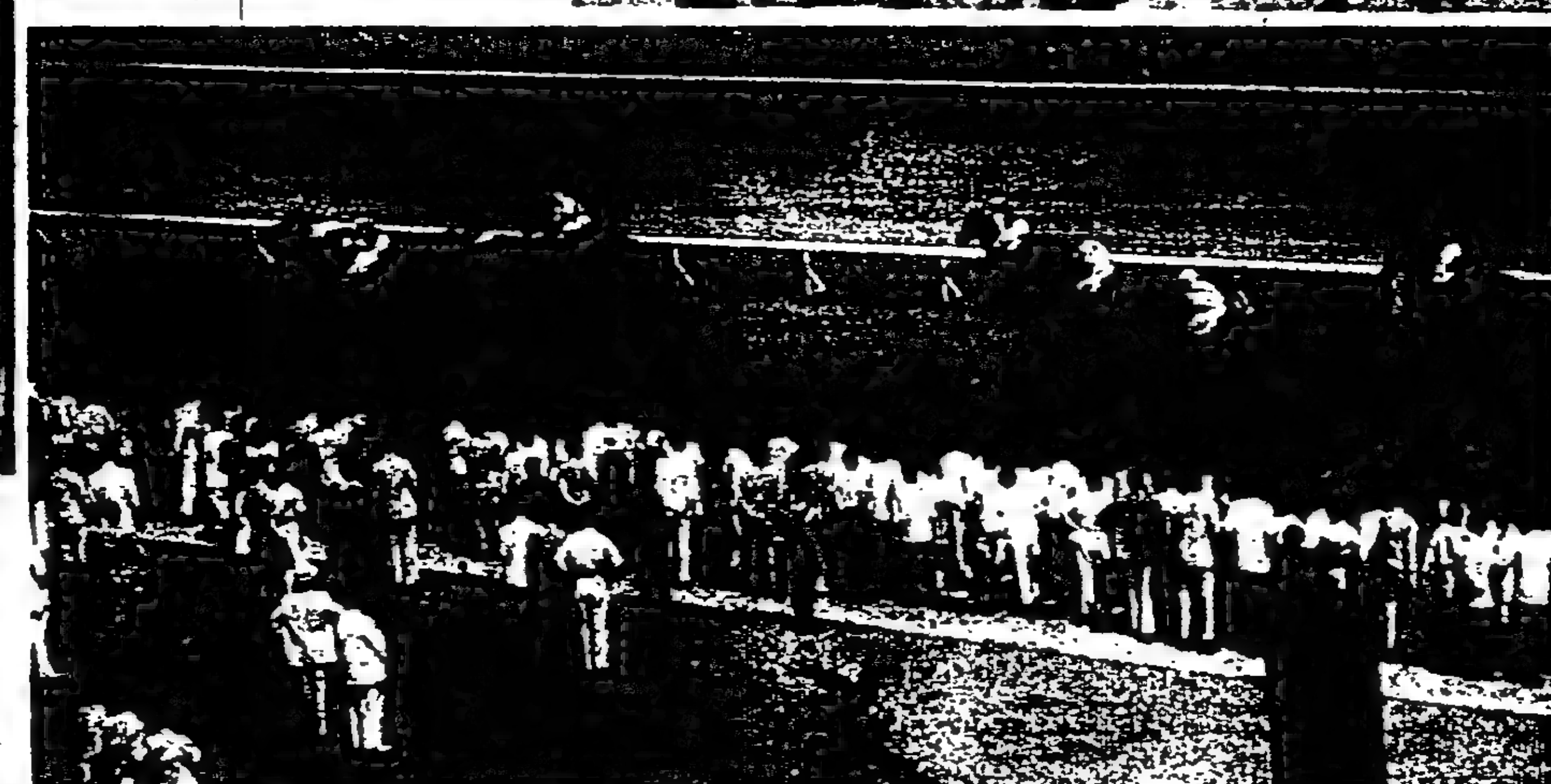


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Miss Thebus Maria Franco, 20 years' old stewardess of the Hong Kong Airways, was in charge of a party of nine children returning to school in Britain, after spending their holidays in Hong Kong. Miss Franco is seen here with the children and the pilot, Captain Jack Payne, on their arrival at Southampton. (B.O.A.C. Photo)



Music for the race-goers was supplied by the Royal Marines Band as pictured above. (China Mail Photo)



Tea party held at Mr. T. W. Kwok's residence to celebrate the Double Tenth (Left to Right) Air Commodore Webster, the G.O.C., Major General Matthews, and Commodore Robertson. (China Mail Photo)



Mr. Ko Chuk Hung, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce addressing the Chamber's party celebrating the Double Tenth. (China Mail Photo)



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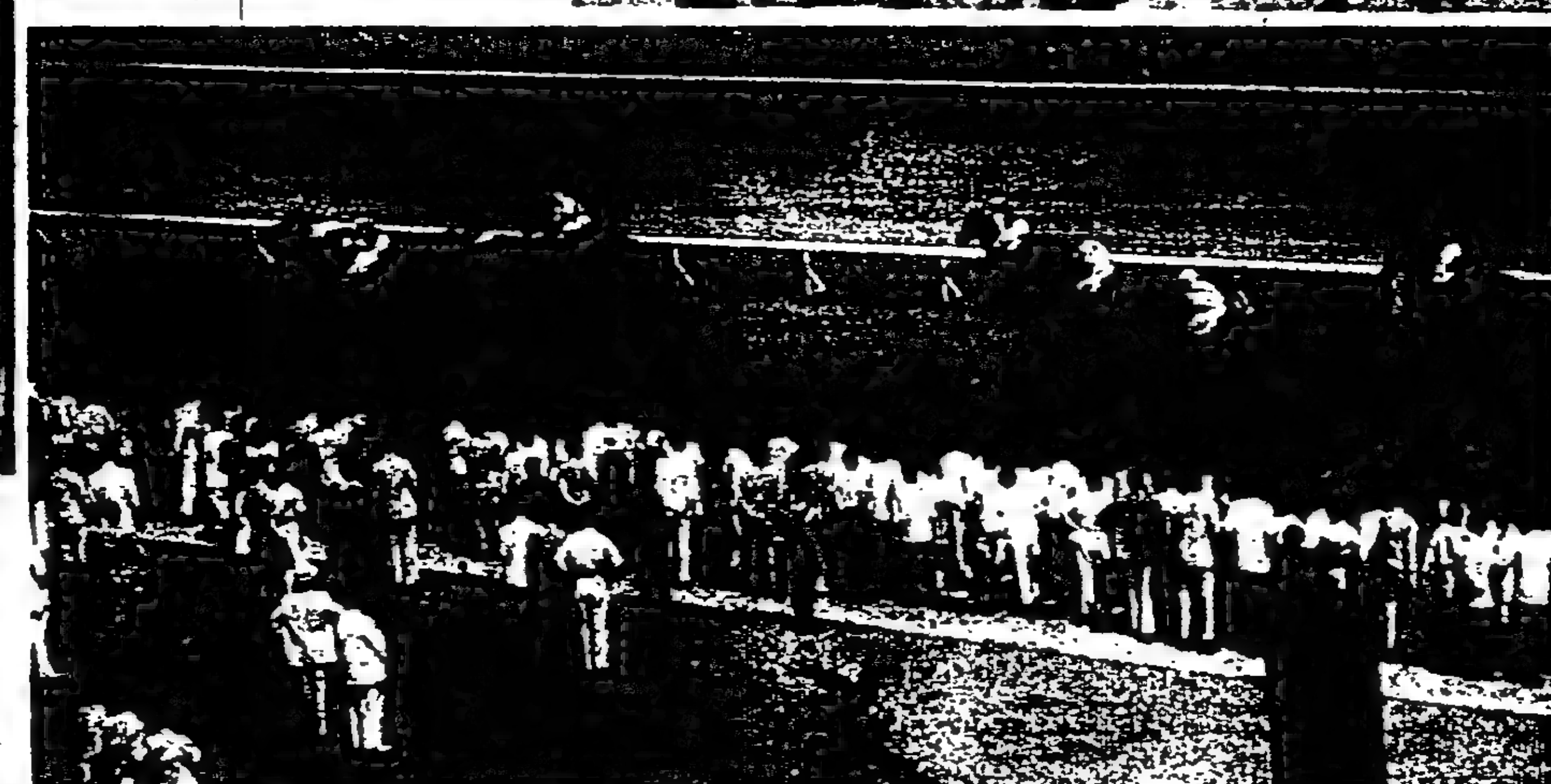


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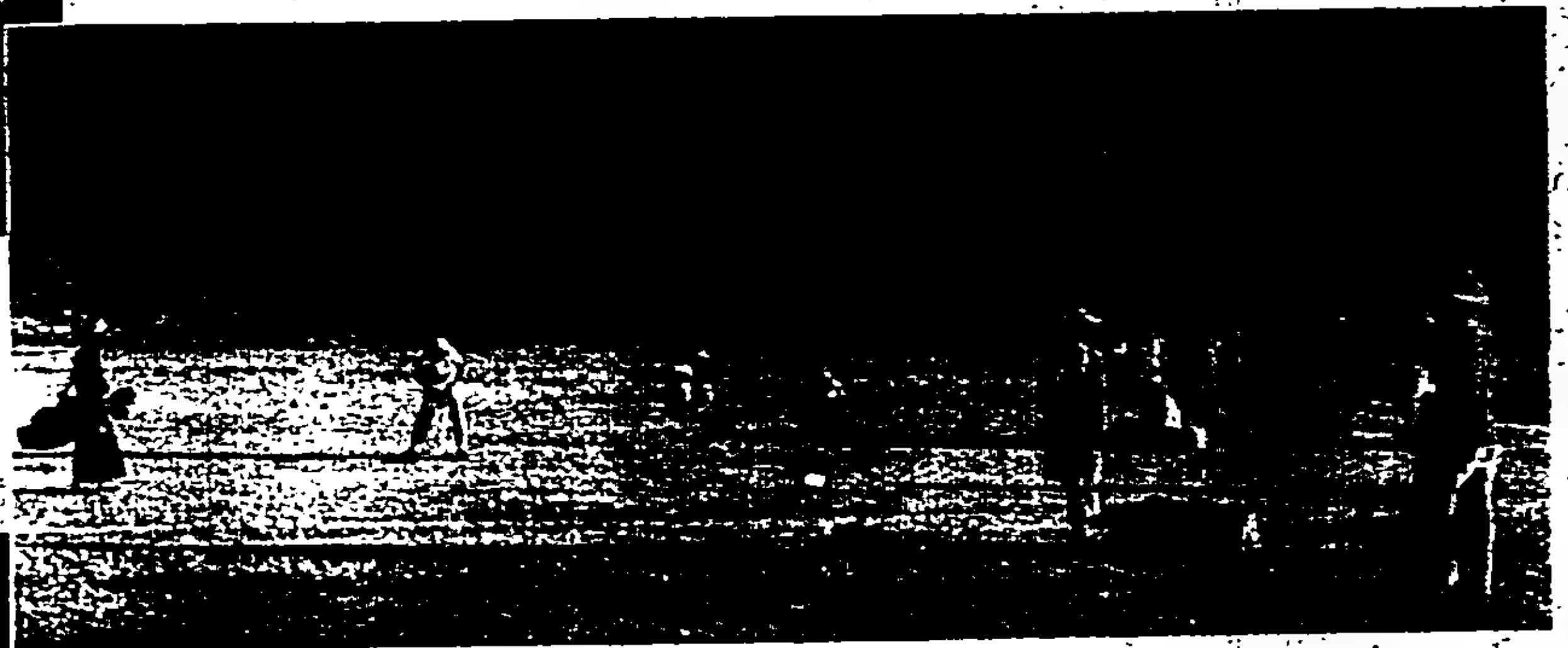
Rear Admiral R. F. Good inspects a guard of honour of HMS Tamar on Queen's Pier on the day of his arrival in Hong Kong in USS St. Paul. (China Mail Photo)



The Shanghai and Hong Kong interport golf teams gather in the sun on the steps of the clubhouse at Fanling. (MingYuen Photo)



Mr. L. Sykes, the Interport lawn bowler, forms the centrepiece of a cheerful group at the Admiralty Civilian Mess in Austin Road. (Mee Cheung Photo)



Shanghai's J. B. MacKinnon sets a putt rolling on Fanling's 18th green in the Interport game on October 11. (China Mail Photo)



E. T. McMullen, Hong Kong, and H. D. Barton and J. McLennan of Shanghai, watch Hong Kong's A. E. Lissaman putting on the 18th green at Fanling. (China Mail Photo)



A party group in between dances at the CBA cabaret dance. From left to right are: Mr. Ian Kempton, Miss Joan Millard, Miss Lee Shobridge, Mr. Geoff Parkins, Miss Jane Lambrecht, Mr. Michael Keyes, Miss Jean Kempton and Miss Pamela Burch. (China Mail Photo)



Celebrating her twenty-first birthday, Miss Audrey Lovgreen smiles prettily for the photographer while an equally happy friend stands by to give assistance if required in the cake-cutting. (Mainland Photo)



Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Dhabher pose with their two daughters and their son on the occasion of their Silver Wedding anniversary. In celebration of this event they were hosts at a well-attended cocktail party in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. (Ming Yuen Photo)



On October 10 the marriage took place of Mr. Mo Tin Yin and Miss Shu Yon. (Ming Yuen Photo)



Not yet used to the camera is James Andrew, infant son of the Reverend and Mrs. A. G. Knowles. The snap was taken just after James Andrew had been dedicated at the Kowloon Tong Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. (Victor Photo)

Mr. Peter Young, sports captain of Morrison Hall, receiving the Inter-Hostel Challenge Shield, presented by the Hong Kong University Alumni Association, from Mrs. J. E. Faid. (Ming Yuen Photo)



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Boy Detective

By MARIE MARSHALL

THE ELEPHANT THAT FORGOT

PART IX

"The elephant doesn't come on until the second half," Rob explained to Dickie. "Sit still, can't you?"

The ring-master continued to crack his whip, and round and round went the pony with its bangles and rider. The audience clapped and stamped as the rider performed a series of breath-taking somersaults, landing each time with amazing precision on the animal's back.

Dickie was fascinated, and quietened down—but not for long. The next act was of a seal balancing a ball as it walked up and down a seesaw. Dickie grew tired of this and stood up in his seat.

"Where's the elephant?" he shouted. "I want the elephant!"

"Sit down before you're thrown out!" warned Rob, and pulled him down into his seat again. "And remember this. If you budge one inch towards that ring when the elephant comes on, I'll drag you back and have you hung out of the tent."

"You won't, you won't, you won't!" retorted Dickie defiantly. "I paid to come in."

"You paid for THAT SEAT," said Rob with emphasis. "You didn't pay for a pick-up by the elephant's trunk. Now listen. It's dangerous to get close to that elephant when Abdullah is performing on it. Somehow that elephant isn't here, but in some wild jungle, and Abdullah is whispering strange things into his ear. Get the idea?"

"A lot of rot!" exclaimed Dickie incredulously, but he seemed thoughtful for the remainder of the first half of the entertainment. At interval he chewed peanuts and kept asking Rob questions about the history of the elephant and Abdullah.

Rob told him all he knew, which wasn't much, and made him promise not to attempt to try to get into the ring.

"You might start the elephant on a stampede," said Rob. "Between Abdullah and his elephant there is a mysterious affinity, and any interruption of the act might mean anything!"

"That's a lot of hooey," scoffed Dickie.

But when pale blue lights were switched on for Abdullah's act and there was a breathless hush over the audience, Dickie for once sat absolutely still in his seat. Mournful, reed-like music filled the tent as the elephant came into the ring, holding Abdullah in his trunk. Across Mahomet's body was a great silken tapestry with a glistening bead fringe that took on many hues in the eerie light. Abdullah, a picturesque figure in gold satin, seemed like a character from a storybook.

As Abdullah spoke to his elephant and as the great creature obeyed him, cries of wonderment and exclamations of delight burst from the audience. Rob, who had seen many a circus, was as enraptured as the smallest boy present. Dickie stared, open-mouthed.

The reed-like music had a peculiar rhythm now, rising and falling like a sighing wind. The elephant placed Abdullah on the ground and began to walk round him, each step in time with the music. He lifted his trunk high in the air, as if performing some mysterious ritual.

"See what I mean?" Rob whispered to Dickie. "How could you possibly disturb that sort of thing?"

"I feel like I'm in a jungle," whispered Dickie, who was holding tight to the arms

of his chair. "I'd be too scared to go near. Look! He's lifting him up now!"

Gasping, the audience saw the elephant curl his trunk round Abdullah and toss him high into the air and catch him again!

Cheers and applause broke the spell. Many lights were turned on and the elephant and Abdullah both bowed to the delighted audience. All the mystery had gone now and round and round the ring went the performers as the applause grew louder.

Rob turned to look at the audience. He knew he need no longer keep a watchful eye on Dickie for fear he should try to get into the ring with the elephant. As his gaze travelled over the rows upon rows of faces he gave a start. Yes, he was sure that boy near the far post was the Rutherford boy, from the rival circus. He looked to see if Abdullah was searching the audience. But no; Abdullah seemed unaware of his enemy's presence, for he was still smiling and bowing as he led round Mahomet.

(To be continued)

The Winners

Thank you for entering the word competition. It was plain to see from the number of entries I received that you all enjoy that type of competition. We will have another one in the near future.

The winners of the "DISOBEDIENCE" competition were: first prize, Marjorie Revie, aged 13, of 3 Inversness Terrace, Kowloon Docks. Second prize goes to someone who lives at 6 Hillwood Road Kowloon. The person who sent in the entry did not send me his or her name. Will you please send me your name and age and then I will post the prize to you?

Third prize goes to Jean McMasters of 3 Tantallon Terrace, Kowloon Docks.

Kowloon Docks seem to be doing well this week, don't they?

The three surprise parcels were won by Norma Voke of 29 Jubilee Street, Shamshui, Susanna Murray of 23 Boundary Street, Kowloon, and Chan Chen Sing of Hillwood Road. I hope you like your parcels.

Incidentally I had three entries from people over 16 years old. The Children's Herald is for children of 16 and under. There is a teen-age page in the China Mail specially for people between 10 and 19 years old. No entry or contribution from people over 16 will be considered.

Auntie Vee

Who Am I?

A is for apple which grows on a tree.

U is for unicorn in book you see.

N is for Nyoka in comics you read.

T is for turkey you yourself feed.

I is for Illinois, one of the States.

E is for elephant who breaks China plates.

V is for Valerie a girl's name.

E is for eagle who is lame.

E is for Everest covered with snow.

My poem spells someone you all should know.

Answer: Auntie Vee

Honour certificate to Roger Clive Kemp, aged 12, of 14c Hillwood Road, Kowloon.

John's Plan

John was a nice little boy, everyone loved him and one day his uncle promised him one dollar if he could make him go upstairs.

John thought for a while and then he said to his uncle, "Uncle, I don't think I can do that but a better suggestion is for you go upstairs and I will try and make you come down again."

John's uncle did not know that it was a trick so he climbed up the stairs. John could not help laughing at his uncle and he shouted out the minute his uncle was at the top of the stairs. "I have made you go upstairs! Thank you for the dollar."

His uncle knew that he had been tricked so he gave John the dollar he had promised him.

Honour certificate to Gordon Cheung of 24 Yick Yuen Street (first floor), Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

What You Would Have Worn

This week I am starting a new series of articles entitled "What You Would Have Worn". Had you lived in the eighteenth century our clothes would have been entirely different from the present day clothes 1775 to 1800 you wear.

GIRLS. You would have looked charming in your floor length gowns with their off-the-shoulder-neckline, long waist and three quarter length puffed sleeves. Completing the delightful picture would be your wide brimmed hat trimmed with roses.

BOYS. Your long ringlets would have bobbed gaily about on your pretty frilled blouse with its V-shaped neckline. Your tight fitting trousers would end a few inches above your smart square toed buckled shoes. A brightly coloured sash would have held your trousers in place.

Flower Of Death

Once there lived a very powerful witch and one day her magic spell went wrong and she was turned into a beautiful flower. When anyone smelled the flower they died.

After many people had died because of the flower, other people passed by on the other side of the road. One day a brave young knight came riding by the flower. He was looking for adventure as he was tired of the life at the castle. He knew that the flower had a fatal smell so he cut the flower down with his sword.

Then suddenly the witch appeared and she said, "As you have saved my life I will give you a lovely bride." A lovely princess appeared from the stem of the flower and the knight fell in love with her at once and were married and lived happily ever afterwards.

Honour certificate to Geoffrey Trueman, 20, Jubilee Buildings, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.



In The Mailbag

RUSTY RILEY

By FRANK GODWIN

NANA RODRIGUES sent in another contribution for the Children's Herald. She likes word competitions and crossword puzzles. We hope to have a clubhouse and arrange outings some time in the future.

GORDON CHEUNG says he is going to have something in the Children's Herald every week, if he can. If you write every week, Gordon, I will try to publish your contributions, if they are interesting.

KNOW YOUR FACTS

Scientists working on the University of Chicago's multi-million dollar atomic research program are using atomic energy for ultra-delicate lubrication studies.

Newest material used in the bodies of women's hats is a fabric woven from glass fibers individually wrapped in korseal.

An aluminum car, which weighs only 770 pounds and has a battery-charged electric motor, has been invented in Paris.

Thousands of trees suffocate every year when builders or excavators pile extra earth over the roots.

The trend toward more entertaining at home, hastened by television, has increased demand for moisture-proof tile in converting basements into recreation rooms.

The largest county in Oklahoma is Osage. Pawhuska is the county seat and a huge quarterly Indian payroll of headrights is received there, where the tribal headquarters are located.

Tool developments include an electric one that removes even heat-resisting paint from wood or metal surfaces.

The Antarctic winter this year has become so bleak that even the penguins have deserted the inhospitable ice-bound shores of Heard Island, more than 2,000 miles southwest of Perth, Australia.

An electronic detector so sensitive it can ferret out metal impurities weighing less than one-tenth of a billionth of an ounce has been developed by Westinghouse.

Trees must eat, and a tree's leaves manufacture its food. When foliage is reduced by insects, nourishment is cut off, and slow death may result.

Quotation Cuts

Oh! call my brother back to me!

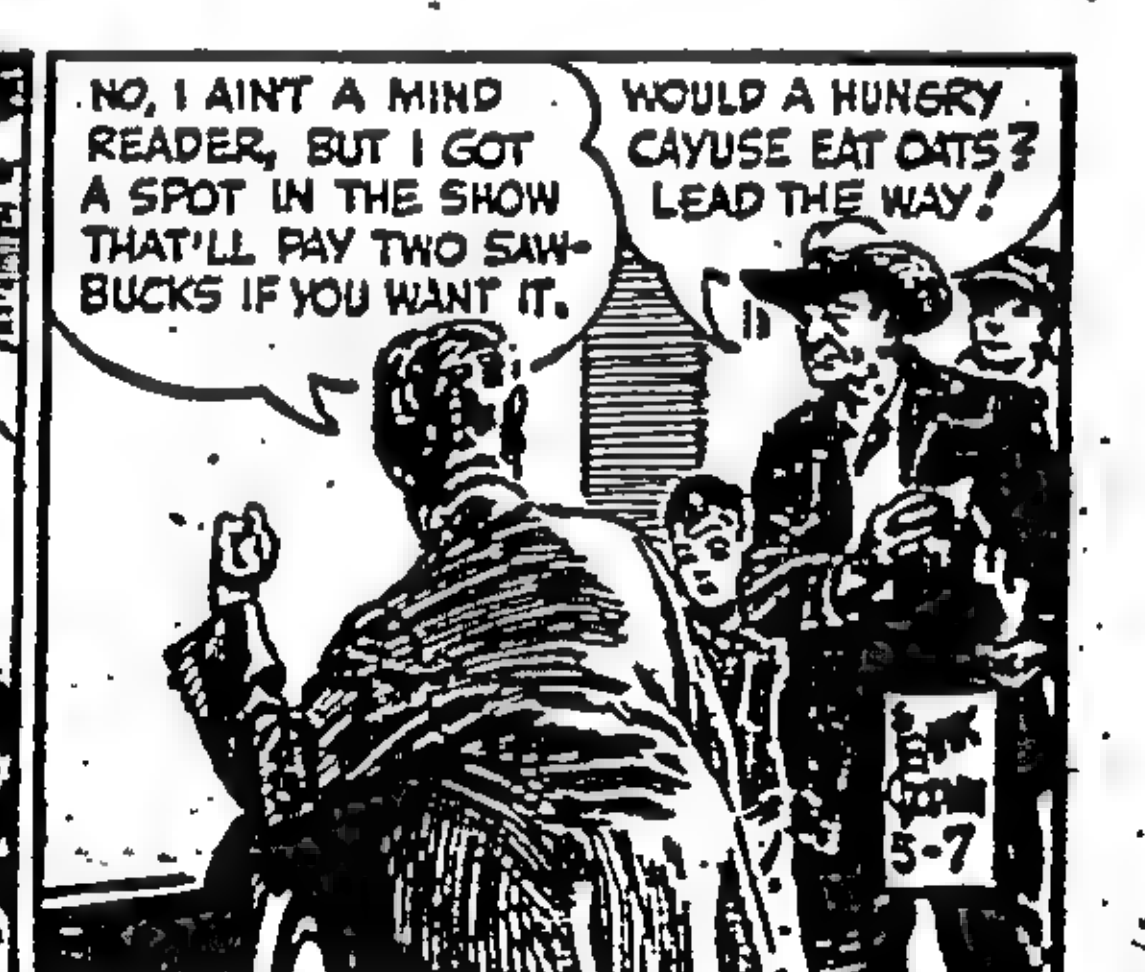
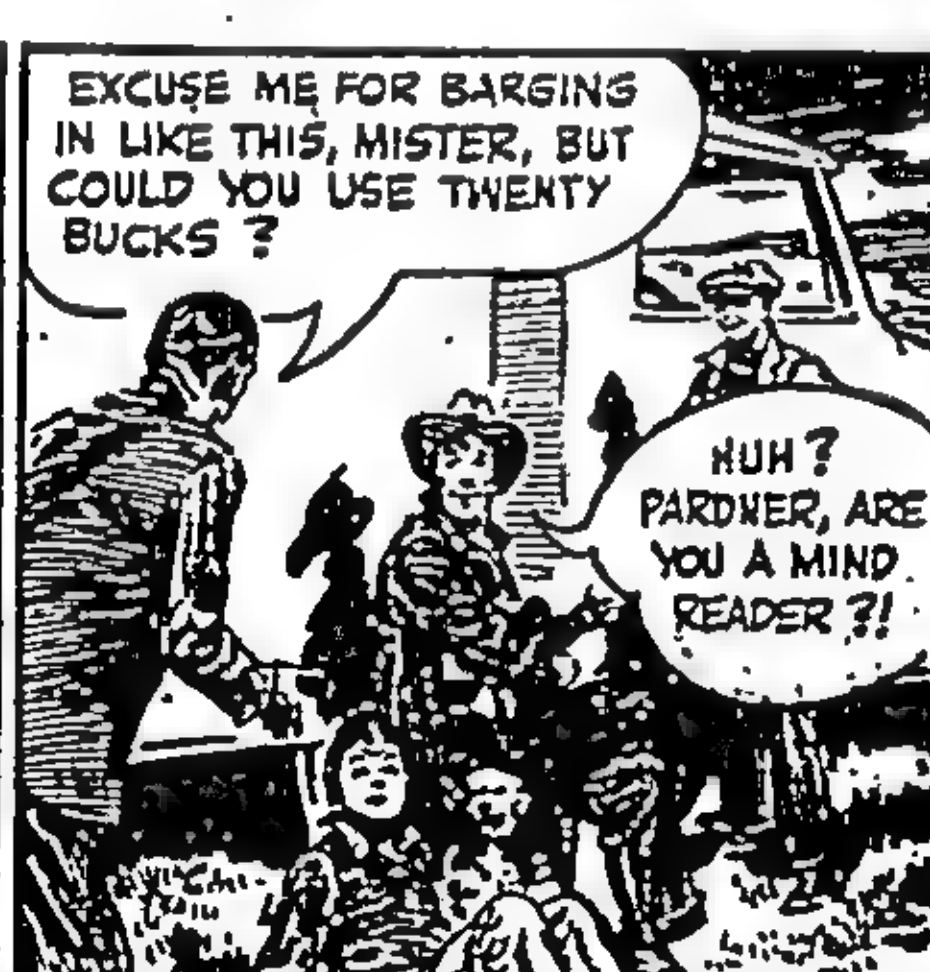
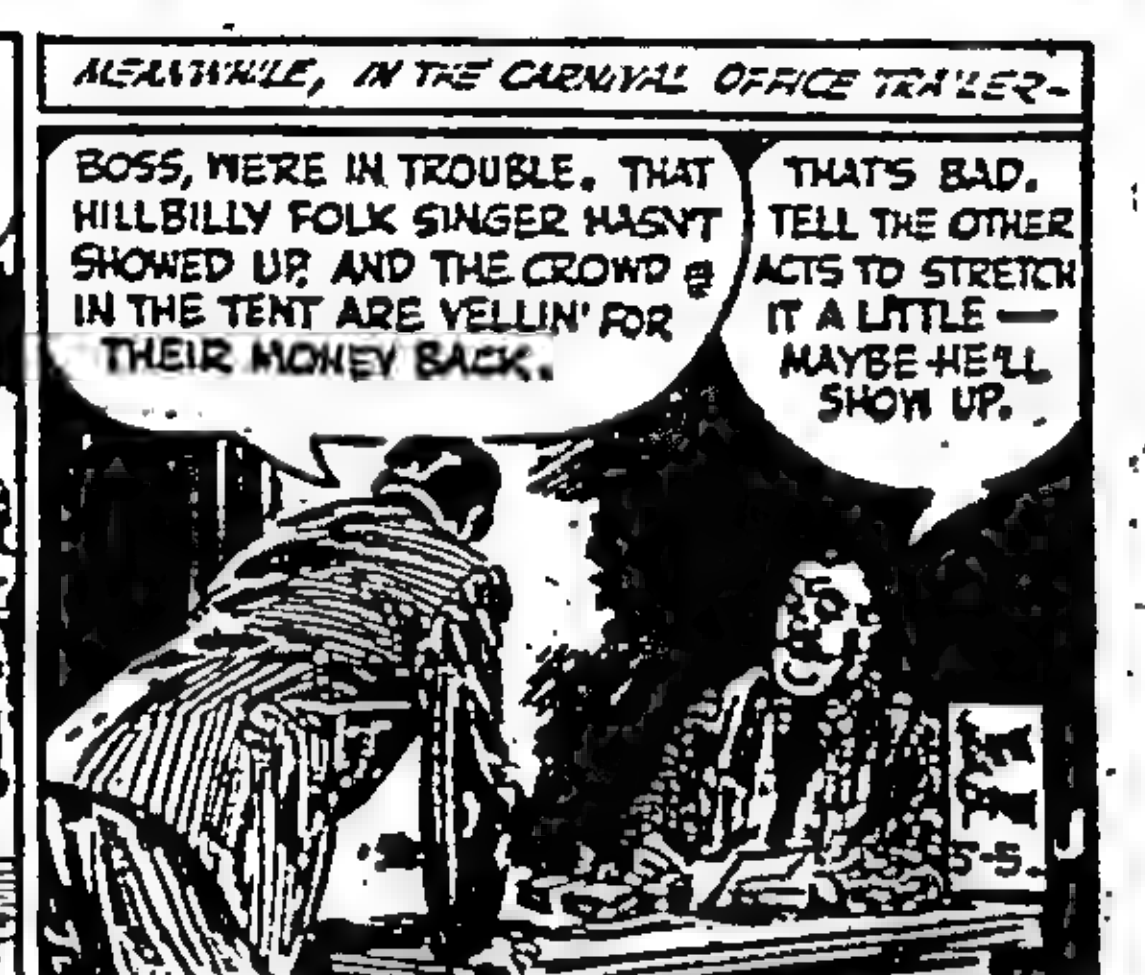
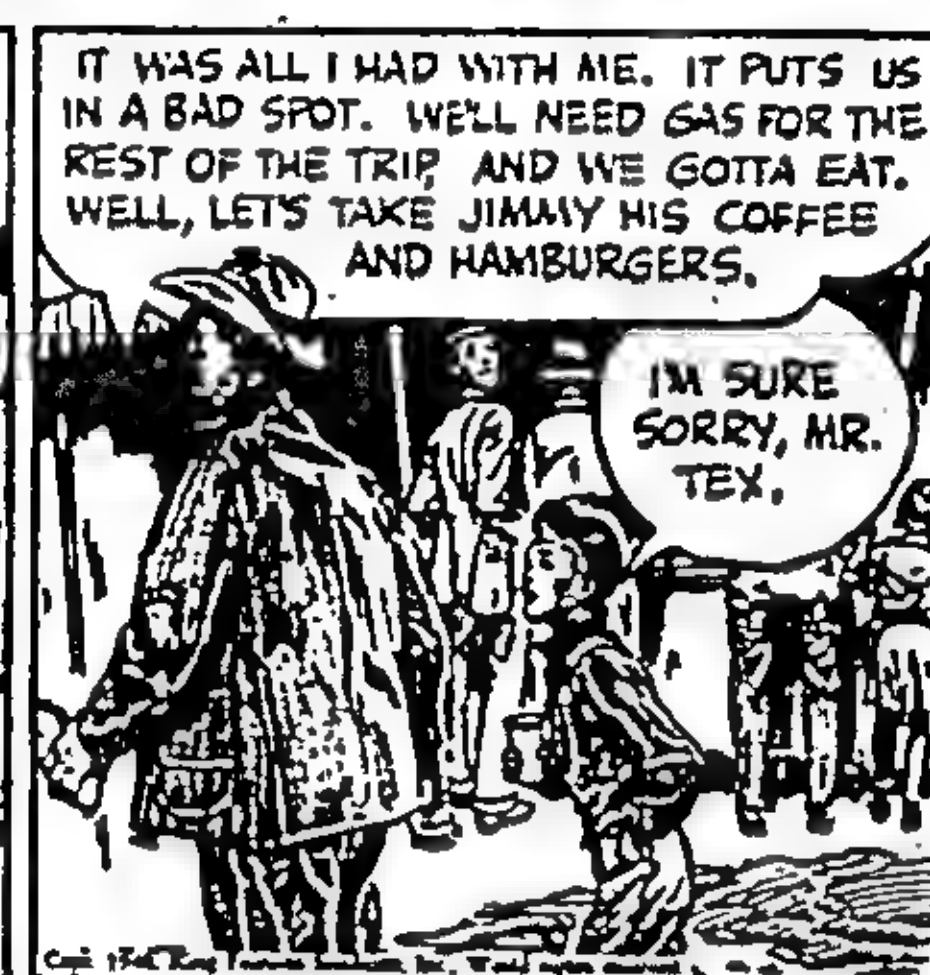
I cannot play alone.
The summer comes with flower and bee—

Where is my brother gone?

(The Child's First Grief by Felicia Dorothea Hemans.)

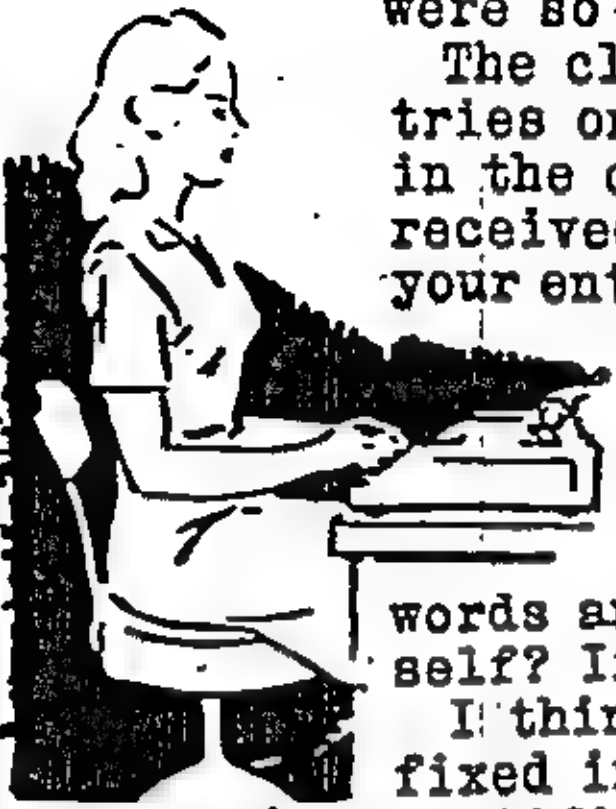
It's a warm wind, the west wind, full of birds' cries;
I never hear the west wind but tears are in my eyes.
For it comes from the west lands, the old brown hills,
And April's in the west wind, and daffodils.

—"The West Wind" (John Massfield).



Children's Herald

AT MY TYPEWRITER...



Thank you for entering the word competition so well. There were so many letters that the postman could hardly carry them. The closing date was October 8 but I received one or two entries on October 9. I was sorry but I could not include them in the competition. When I announce the closing date, entries received after that date cannot be considered. You must post your entries for any competition the day before the closing date.

Thank you for the letters about school. I should like to hear more about your own school.

Did anyone write to the boy in Vienna? If you did, would you like to write to me and let me know?

When you write to me you say that you like jumbled words and crossword puzzles. Why don't you make some up yourself? If you make them up then you are sure to like them.

I think at last you have got the rules and regulations firmly fixed into your heads. Do you all understand the new honour certificates?

Happy days to you all, from,

Auntie Vee

WORD WISDOM

Incapable (inkapabl) helpless and unable to do anything.
Lustre (luster) brilliant and shining.

Limpid (limpid) clear or transparent.

Mantle (mantl) cloak or veil.
Manuscript (manuskript) written by hand and not typed or printed.

Maritime (maritym) connected with the sea or navigation.

Misconceive (miskonseev) to misunderstand something or make a mistake.

Register (register) to record something formally in writing.

Sabot (sabo) a wooden shoe made out of a single piece of wood. Worn by French peasants.

Sphere (sfeer) a globe or ball usually one of the heavenly bodies in the sky.

World Spotlight: Canada's Heat

When people in other countries think of Canada's climate, they are apt to imagine temperatures ranging down to 50 below in winter. They are not so likely to think of Canadians sweltering in heat with the thermometer averaging between 90 and 100 degrees, as they were for four days recently.

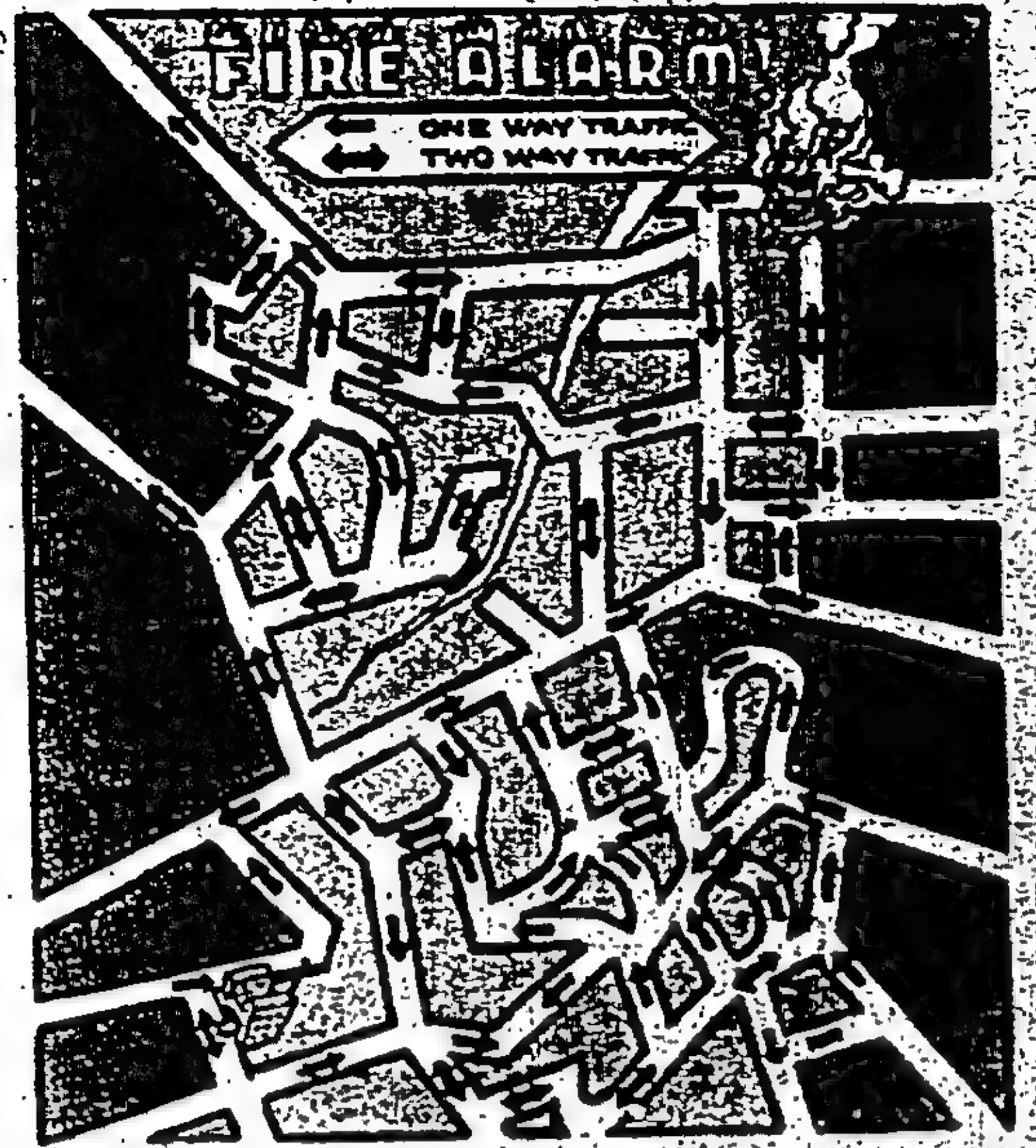
Because of its size, Canada has many variations in temperature. When south-western Ontario was enduring its late summer heat wave—which broke records for August—Vancouver

was complaining about consistent rain and cool weather, so cool that some householders lit their furnaces. In the Peace River of northern British Columbia, a three-inch snowfall knocked down heavy wheat and alfalfa crops.

In between the extremes of sub-zero weather and 100 degrees of heat, Canada enjoys much fine weather.

As for native Canadians, they would rather have it at 15 below zero than 100 in the shade. (from John Marshall, Windsor, Ontario.)

FIRE! FIRE!



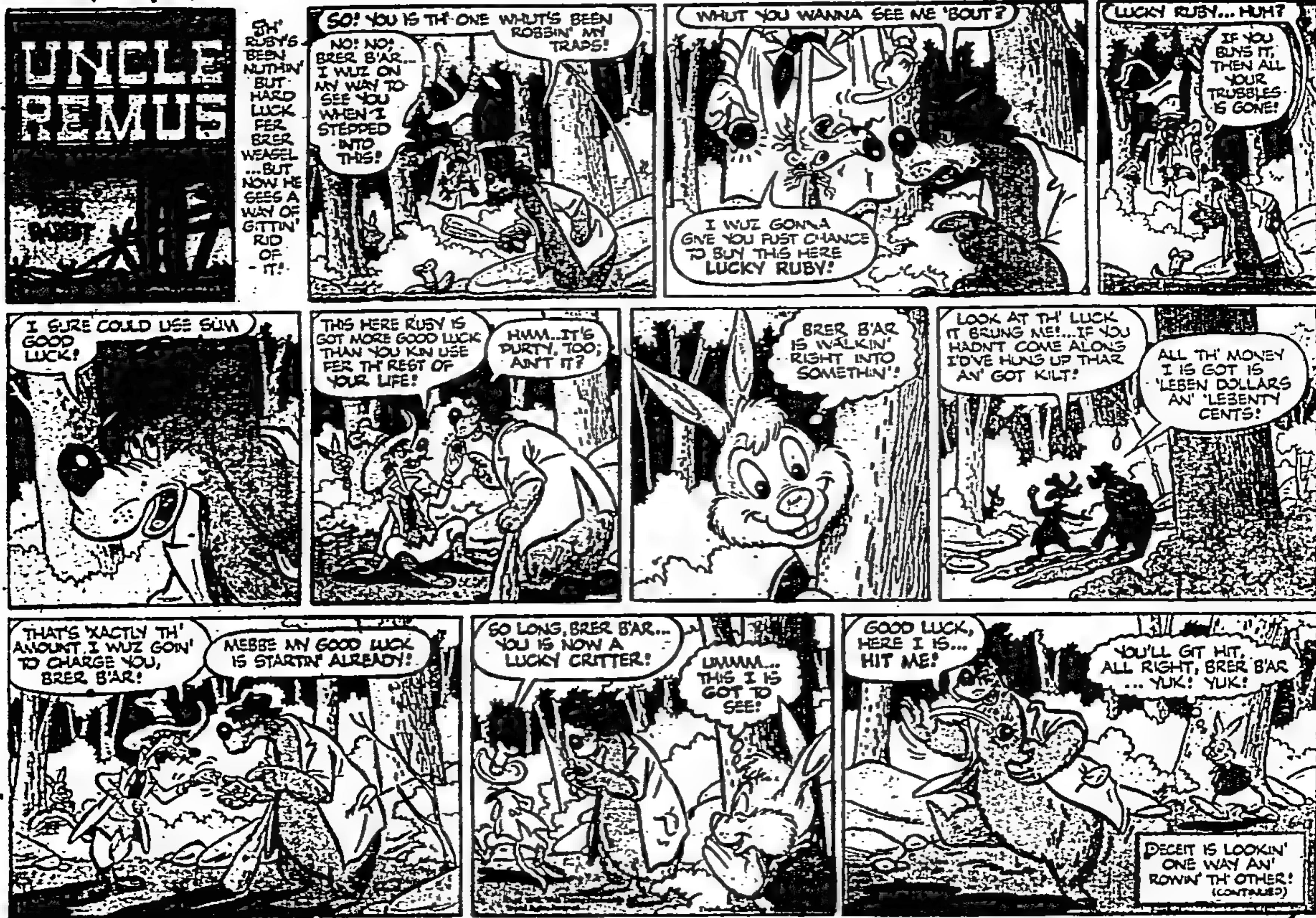
I want you to imagine that this picture represents a town. At the bottom of the picture there is the fire brigade and at the top, as you can see, there is a fire.

There are several roads, both one way and two ways, along which the firemen can get to the fire. You may take any of the roads, but you must follow the arrows. You cannot go against the arrows. You are anxious to get to

the fire on your scarlet fire engine.

Trace the route with your finger first and when you are sure of it mark it in coloured pencil. It will help you to pass the time along and I don't think you can find the correct route. (There is only one route you can take, if you don't cheat and go against the arrows) in less than 15 minutes.





LIFE OF A ROSE

I am a small, pink rose. My home is in a nice and quiet garden, which belongs to an old farmer.

Every spring, when it is the time that the trees are blossoming, and the sky is blue, the shining of the golden sun fills the garden with life and joy. I was indeed happy during that time with all the beautiful green trees around me, and the singing of the birds which made me enjoy myself very much during that lovely time.

The happy days soon passed quickly. Then one day, the old farmer came to the garden, he walked round the whole garden, as he walked he happened to pass me. He stopped and looked at me as if he was thinking something. Then at last he took me out of the garden, and placed me in a nice flowerpot together with a few of my friends. I was brought to a very quiet room, and in the middle of the room there laid a sick little girl in bed. Her face was sad and she seemed to be very lonely. When she saw her father came in with me she was surprised, she smiled to her father gratefully and kissed him. Then I was put on a table near the girl's bed.

Every morning, when the sun shone through the window to the

quiet little room, the little girl would open her eyes, very often she turned to look at me and smell me.

In this way I was a very good companion to her. She seemed to get a little better each day.

I have been living there for one week. But I am now losing my beauty. I am growing older and older each day. But I am not sad because when I think of my use when I was young, I am glad again, because I like to make other people happy, and although I am ugly and old now, I still hope that after me there are still many of my friends and relatives who will continue my work, to come to this world not only to be praised by people, but also to make people happy.

Honour Certificate to Irene Wan, aged 14, of 1. On Lan Street, 3rd floor, Hong Kong.

BRENDA'S SUCCESS

Once upon a time there lived a little girl called Brenda who lived in an orphanage because she did not have a mummy or daddy.

She was only 12 but she was a marvellous piano player. She could only play by ear, however. All the other children in the orphanage loved to listen to her and when the smallest girls cried Brenda would play for them and they would soon be laughing again.

Brenda loved to read the papers and the comic strips and one morning she opened the paper and saw the headlines and when she finished reading the article she sat down and cried.

She was weeping bitterly when one of the teachers asked her why she was crying. Brenda told her that there was to be a piano playing contest and anyone could enter, but as she could not read music she would not be able to enter and she wanted to win the contest.

Mrs. Morrison, who was a

Sort Out These Jumbled Words

If you went inside a green grocer's shop you would be sure to find some of these items there.

Sort out the jumbled words and you will find all kinds of things.

Gacbeab, Nrtupi, Rrcoat, Ttsaop, Tloaom, Ciltues, Sdadrih, Pleap, Nraoeg, Anabna.

Answers: Cabbage, turnip, carrot, potato, tomato, lettuce, radish, apple, orange, banana.

music teacher, offered to teach Brenda how to read notes so Brenda stopped crying.

After one week Brenda could read all the notes and could play any piece in the music book. She practised every day and did not go out to play at night but she played the piano until it was bedtime.

On the day of the contest Mrs. Morrison took her to the great hall where all the musicians were and at the top of the hall there was a long table and a beautiful piano. At the table saw four stern looking men who were to judge the playing.

One by one each contestant played until at last it was Brenda's turn. She got shyly on to the platform and began to play. Everyone was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop on the floor.

Then the judges decided that Brenda had won the prize. She was presented with \$100 and a lovely doll. Everyone clapped and the judges made Brenda play one of the pieces that she had composed herself.

Brenda gave the money to the orphanage and Mrs. Morrison gave her another doll even bigger than the one she had won at the contest.

Honour certificate to Nana Rodrigues, aged 13, of 17 Hillwood Road, Kowloon.

The Orchid

In a deep and quiet valley there is a small piece of grass-land, and near the grass-land is a small pond. I am an orchid growing there with a few of my friends and round about us there are many weeds. The weeds were very unkind to me by not letting the light reach me and I only felt the insects crawling up and down my stem.

In these surroundings I felt very sad and unhappy but I used my strength to fight all my enemies. Now I am blooming and am a very nice fragrant flower. Every morning I can see the sun rise from the East and I can hear the birds singing in the trees. Every evening I can see the beautiful sunset and hear the stream running near by.

One fine day a woman was walking past this valley with a flower in her hair she saw me and wanted to pick me. But when she came near me her hand was stung by the weeds so she could not get near enough. As she was walking away the flower in her hair said to me, "My friend, I was once a beautiful flower and when this woman picked me how pleased I was. When I began to fade they loved me no longer. My friend you are very fortunate that you are in the middle of a bed of weeds."

Now I am still in the bed of weeds and I thank them every day for saving my life from the cruel woman.

Honour certificate to Helena Lau, aged 15, of 118 Caine Road (second floor), Hong Kong.

Did You Know This?

Sea treatment and a good rotation form the foundation of erosion control.

The "mute swan" isn't really mute. It has a low, almost inaudible call.

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Conceited Johnny

Johnny Taylor was a very conceited boy. He was a bully and his mother could not cure him of his bad habits. She wanted to send him to boarding school but his father did not want to do so.

Johnny was quite a good swimmer and in the annual swimming sports he always won every race.

It was near the time of the swimming sports, and Johnny was bragging about himself saying no one could beat him, and that the other children were afraid to compete against him.

Johnny did not know that a small boy called Jack Smith was a marvellous swimmer and was training every evening at a private swimming pool.

The day of the races came and there were only three boys in the 50 yards back stroke race. The three boys were Johnny and Jack and a boy who was a poor swimmer. They swam and Jack won - by 15 yards so he was given 10 marks towards winning the cup.

In the next race there were five boys competing. Jack and Johnny were two of the five boys. Johnny was annoyed that Jack had won the previous race so as they were diving in to the pool he kicked Jack but this did not stop Jack from winning for the second time.

When the marks were counted up at the end of the sports Jack won the Silver Cup.

Johnny was so ashamed of himself that he asked his father to let him go to the boarding school. He was sent to the school and he soon became a very nice boy.

Honour Certificate to Roger C. Kemp, aged 12, of 14c Hillwood Road, Kowloon.

Merry Moments!

Teacher: I hope you will all have a good holiday and come back to school with all the non-sense out of your heads.

Class: And the same to you, Miss.

"Why are you crying, son?" asked the kind old lady.

"Because," replied the small boy, "my brothers have a holiday and I haven't."

"And why is that?"

"I don't go to school yet."

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RADIO RESPONSIBILITIES

SCIENCE is generally an abstruse subject which the uninitiated, like myself, leave to those better able to understand its unique mysteries. There comes the time, however, when the scientists, in their role of seekers after knowledge, impinge upon the world, and the man-in-the-street, being vitally affected by some new scientific discovery, is perforce bound to readjust his conceptions of every-day life to bring into line with changing conditions.

Radio, without doubt, is one of the greatest forces for good that Science has revealed to the benefit of mankind in general. The discovery of atomic energy is as yet mixed blessing, but I can conceive no circumstances where radio can be of other than benefit to humanity.

IGNORING the wider uses of radio and radar for navigational purposes and reducing it to its more customary role as an agent of entertainment, radio assumes certain responsibilities, which those who control it must adequately discharge if its fullest use is to be employed.

First and foremost, Radio must provide entertainment. This profound observation is often lost in a mess of technicalities like programme-balance, forward-planning etc., that the obvious tends to become fogged in a plethora of side-issues. Why do you have a radio set at all? The answer is as a means of entertainment, and in that answer stands or falls the success of the features put over the air.

HERE in Hong Kong, a wider range than local programmes alone is possible. I personally find Radio Seac, Australia, the B.B.C. Overseas Service and N.B.C. California all provide programmes of good quality, although reception is a variable factor. So far as Radio Hong Kong is concerned the entertainment value is surely high.

The man is yet to be born who can please everyone, and peculiarly in the matter of radio programmes, it seems impossible not to upset someone.

Educational facilities are yet another issue which Radio is called on to provide, whether consciously or otherwise. So far as enhancement of musical knowledge is concerned, Radio is the greatest force for good since Edison invented the phonograph.

BY direct broadcasts or by records, Radio lays at the feet of those who choose to listen, the world's best music interpreted by the cream of artists. At random I recall hearing recently—and within the space of 45 minutes—one of Mozart's Pianoforte Concertos exquisitely played by Edwin Fischer, "The Origin of Design" Ballet Suite by Handel, followed by records of Gigli. Could one ask for better fare than this? Furthermore, such array of talent was obtained by the mere twiddling of a knob!

OF Radio's inestimable contribution to the successful conclusion of World War II I am qualified to speak only as a member of the general public. Certainly we should have been in a sorry plight without it to while away the long hours of black-out. Of its utility in bringing the Nation closer together in the desperate days of 1940, so much is known as to render further description unnecessary. It is the earnest hope of all, I feel certain, that the "powers of darkness" must not again beset us about. "Let Nation speak unto Nation" is an honourable tenet long since adopted by Radio, and with Providence to guide, it may yet be that reason will prevail and the untold tragedy of further War averted. This is something of a digression, I know, but in anxious times, like the present, no hope is too dim to be reckoned.

RETROSPECT

AGAIN, I break my unwritten rule not to indulge in retrospective appreciation of past features, but two recent programmes seemed to me so delightful that here and now I ask Radio Hong Kong to consider repeat broadcasts.

One I have already mentioned in the foregoing preamble. This was Mozart's Pianoforte Concerto in D Minor played by Edwin Fischer. The recording used was a new H.M.V. issue, I understand, and was just about as perfect a piece of work as I know. Technically, the recording was a triumph, the fast passages in the treble of the piano, coming over perfectly. The playing of the soloist was, *ca va ien dire*, impeccable, and I am booking my order for these records right away.

The second feature was the 15 minute McCormack recital. As a staunch admirer of Count John, I listened to these records, saddened to think his voice will be heard no more in person. In particular, his re-creating of "The Devout Lover" (a record I do not possess) was such as only McCormack could make it.

Again can we please have some more McCormack recitals please? The Irish element in the Colony will, I know, support me in this.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMMES SUNDAY

AT 9.05 on Sunday, the "Symphony House" is taken up by two works of Mozart, the "Haffner" and "Jupiter" Symphonies, both of them equally delightful.

Mozart as a composer in whatever realm his varied talents are displayed, invariably manages to achieve an air of freshness. The rippling cadenzas of his pianoforte concertos, the joyous phrasing in his motets, and the vivacity of the music set for strings in the "Jupiter" bear out this illustration most clearly.

The "Jupiter" was written in 1788, when Mozart was but 32 years old, yet the ideas he expressed, the building-up of his themes into symphonic pattern bespeaks the maturity of Bach and Beethoven.

In the amazingly short space of six weeks, Mozart produced three of his finest works—Symphonies No. 38 in E Flat, No. 39 in G Minor and No. 40 (Jupiter) in C Major. What a trilogy of output in such a short space of time.

THE finale of the "Jupiter" has most aptly been compared with a game of chess wherein Mozart saw—many moves ahead—the exact pattern to be designed. In fact there are three well-designed themes in the finale artistically, a master-piece of musical composition.

Those who run may read, and similarly those who have read these notes so far will rightly infer that Mozart is one of my favourite composers. In fact, if a choice were to be made, I would always include Mozart, Handel, and Beethoven in any selection of composers whose music can be said never to pall on or to weary the listener.

At 10.35, follows a charming little feature entitled "Music in Miniature." This quiet programme is ideally fitted to the end of the day, and presents gems from the classics in appropriate guise for the discerning listener.

MONDAY

AT 9.05 p.m. on Monday there is scheduled a Bizet programme. Known universally as the composer of "Carmen"—an opera whose popularity justly never wanes—Bizet was an accomplished composer. "The Pearl

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Fishers," "Fair Maid of Perth," orchestral suites, a lovely "Agnus Dei"—are music of his which is lesser better known than it deserves. The Popularity of "Carmen" appears to cast its enveloping shadows over his other music.

This programme will present some of this music, thus affording an opportunity of hearing Bizet in vein other than that of "Carmen." It is noticeable, however, as in "L'Arlesienne," that Bizet imbues his music with a warmth and colour of the South, far removed from his native Paris. That a Frenchman could capture so well the musical idiom of Spain is something of an enigma. That he did so—and that superbly well—is tribute to his genius as a composer.

WEDNESDAY

AT 8.15 p.m. on Wednesday there is a "must" programme for all music lovers when Pau Casals plays solo cello in Max Bruch's "Kol Nidrei." Bruch's violin concerto was heard a few weeks ago, and a very lovely work it is. The work is based on a traditional Jewish melody, and for some reason is not very widely known. Pau Casals is, of course, the outstanding cellist of the day, and an artiste of the highest order. He has made some truly perfect recordings for H.M.V. and in this Bruch work, can be relied on to give an authoritative interpretation.

Following on at 8.30 p.m. there is to be a play which will be of interest to local residents. It is by Jack Luff, and has been produced by Bob Darnell for the Garrison Players. These are all local artistes, and as it is a "live"-Broadcast, interest in it is consequently enhanced.

THURSDAY

ON Thursday night, Medtner's No. 2 Pianoforte Concerto is to be given, with the soloist also the composer.

Nicholas Medtner is a modern Russian composer known more for his songs than his concertos. Like his contemporary, Rachmaninov, however, he seems to have eschewed the exaggerated manner of Berg and Hindemith, which leads on to believe hopefully that "the tune is still the thing, when all is said and done."

It is of interest to note here that the Maharajah of Mysore has recently endowed a musical foundation to promote the furtherance of Medtner's works. Richard Holt has also recently published a book on Medtner's life works. The Iron Curtain is apparently lifting in Russian musical circles! Tonight also brings a programme of Trafalgar Day. Would Nelson regard his sacrifice as worth-while were he alive today, I wonder? The answer lies in the future and in the hope that sanity will be restored in time to prevent a further War.

FRIDAY

SPACE is running against me this week, but I must find room to mention that at 9.05 this evening Holst's "Hymn of Jesus" and Elgar's "Enigma" Variations are being given. The latter work is one of Elgar's finest conceptions and it is said that each variation is based on the initials of names of his personal friends. Whatever the origin of the work, it still remains one of the loveliest orchestral compositions of the century and will repay close attention.

The Holst work is less well-known than it deserves, but traditionally as is the case with this composer, it shows sure grasp of orchestration and tone-colouring.

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Health Page

I ACCUSE THE DOCTORS

Says Sydney Horler

The new president of the British Medical Association declared in his address that even modern medical science really knows very little about the manifold ills to which the human body is subject.

That melancholy statement can be verified by any patient who goes from doctor to doctor trying to find out what is wrong with him and how he can hope to be cured.

Let me instance a recent personal experience to illustrate this point.

In October last I began to feel an ache down the back of my left leg when I stood still for more than a minute or two.

To continue to play billiards—a game of which I am very fond—became impossible, and walking any distance was out of the question because the ache increased and the leg got very tired. Eventually I became a cripple.

In Despair

I began the usual round: doctor to specialist, specialist to physiotherapist. I had every conceivable form of treatment. After being X-rayed the complaint was diagnosed as fibrositis.

Eventually, in despair—for the pain

was intense—I remembered an old friend of mine in the war who was an osteopath.

When I went to see him he laughed. "You are suffering from sacroiliac strain," he said. "I am treating this condition every day, and I can cure you."

He did. It took several treatments, but he cured me after all the doctors had consulted had failed even in diagnosing the complaint, let alone in effecting a cure!

I asked my friend the reason, and he replied: "The medical profession knows little enough about the mechanics of the body and less about the stresses and strains to which it is liable, and consequently is not in a position to diagnose and cure the cause of much bodily discomfort." It is their blind spot.

To the helots of the hide-bound General Medical Council, whose rulings are beyond the criticism of a doctor wishing to remain on the Medical Register, an osteopath, in spite of his four years' intensive training, is a quack, a charlatan, an impostor—someone quite outside the pale. He is not allowed to enter a hospital, although he can treat patients in a nursing home.

An Example

The irony of this ridiculous and impossible situation is that the fully trained osteopath, like my friend, is curing by the thousand cases that, after years of unrelieved suffering, have been pronounced incurable by the whole medical profession!

Here is one example out of many. An officer, suffering from low back trouble, after years of treatment in different military hospitals, was discharged from the Service and given a pension of £2 a week.

He never thought he would walk properly again. My friend cured him. He can now dance, play tennis, and live a normal life.

When he presented himself to the next Army Medical Board the chairman said it was "a miracle." His pension was stopped forthwith.

What is the reason for this ostracism of the osteopath by the doctors, you may ask.

It is a hard thing to have to say about an honourable profession, but the principal cause is undoubtedly jealousy.

Has To Live

A doctor has to live—that fact has been driven home to the lay public in unmistakable fashion through reading the letters in the Press written by doctors in connection with the Bevan Health Act.

And, in order to live, they dare not tolerate a group of men who have proved beyond any cavil or doubt that they can cure the supposedly incurable.

There is another reason. The medical profession is very proud, and, consequently, very sensitive of its failures.

But where does the patient stand in all this? Especially the poor patient who cannot afford to go to an osteopath, who doesn't even know he exists, and who has to rely on hospital treatment?

In February 1925 Sir Herber Barker, the famous manipulative surgeon, whose many cures were miracles of healing, wrote a remarkable article in a national weekly paper. The editor, in a prefatory note said:

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health of the nation as the dog-in-the-manger attitude of the Medical Caucus. This tyrannical oligarchy makes no attempt to discover new cures, and prohibits others from doing so. "Defy us at your peril" they declaim.

Conditions have not changed much during the 23 years. The fully trained osteopath is still barred from the hospitals; he is still regarded by the G.M.C. and all its nodding mandarins as a quack, an impostor, and a danger to the public.

No Grants

So much so, in fact, that the Government would not pay any grants to young men leaving the Services who wished to learn the art of bloodless surgery. They could become doctors, dentists, therapists—but not osteopaths!

And the tragedy is that there is room for thousands more osteopaths in this country. The number at present—three hundred—is quite unable to deal with the vast amount of work which is waiting to be done.

In America, on the other hand, there are many thousands of fully trained practising osteopaths.

This is 1948, not the Middle Ages. In the public interests the G.M.C. should relax its stupid ruling on the subject of unorthodox healing.

Critics of osteopathy declare that the theories advanced by the manipulative surgeons are unsound. That may be, but what principally matters surely, is that the cures are accomplished.

When a man or woman is in pain, he or she doesn't care tuppence who relieves that pain—whether it be the president of the G.M.C. or the local dustman.

If I had not gone to my osteopath friend I should have been crippled for life; and I am cured. Is that not argument enough?

A New Cure

Inquiries and orders are reaching Britain from the Far East and Africa for a new British cure for leprosy. It is a drug of the sulphone group, a derivative of diaminodiphenylsulphone, and was originally discovered in 1930 as a result of British research.

The drug is called Sulphetron and in the treatment of leprosy its curative effects have been amply demonstrated. Tests already carried out have shown cures in 75 per cent. of patients treated. There is a consensus of medical opinion that sulphetron, given time, can halt leprosy and enable patients to return home in 90 per cent. of cases treated.

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By ALAN MARSHALL

As I spoke his eyes brightened and became eager with a child-like interest. He looked at me with a quick excitement. He was silent when I had finished. Some tranquil happiness was absorbing him, for such was his simplicity and his faith that he never doubted what I said was true. He was a good man. I had told him so, and the wonder of it was still with him.

Later, expressing the outcome of the thoughts I'd inspired in him, he said, "De one who has never been suffered. He thinks de world is too good for him. He thinks it too good for everyone. De kind men are dose who have been suffered."

"That's true," I said.

"Once I out of work ver' bad. Dere was a bloke in de bush—this bloke was from Bendigo, used to be. He suffer too, but more dan me. He had de children. I feel so pity I go ah' buy him four pounds chops for breakfast."

He wasn't boasting or being complacent. He sought to justify my faith in him.

From our verandah beds we could see the front entrance. On the days we expected Olive, Peter watched the gate, happy with anticipation. I was generally occupied with reading or typing when she wobbled to a stop and dismounted from her bicycle.

Peter's reaction to her appearance was always the same: He informed me excitedly, "Dere she is. Heh! de Missus. Look, she here. Heh! she comin'."

We then watched her, both smiling, both basking in the same pleasure. She would look toward us, her gaze concentrated, trying to see through the fly-wire screen into the shadow of our verandah. We were patches of white to her, but she was clothed in sunshine and we saw her clearly. Yet Peter always waved and demanded that I do the same.

"See, she's wayin'. Wave to de Missus."

Then she would disappear behind a projecting wing and we would lie very still, walking with her down the long corridor, through the ward door, past the rows of beds and out on to the verandah. She would place her basket on my locker and kiss me, and Peter would watch, relaxed, hands clasped in front of him, smiling happily with a sense of achievement as if, in some way, he had guided her from the gate to my bed.

Olive went to him then. She always had something for him. Her gifts confused him. He always wanted to pay.

"I have de money."

"My turn wid de oranges."

"I pay for de eggs."

But she would laugh and leave him gazing at the parcels on his knee, a little helpless in the face of an attitude he had never met before.

There was a short period when we were the only patients on the verandah. An annual ball was to be held in the town hall that week, and most of the nurses were going.

A nurse's uniform reduces its wearer to a level set by its severe lines. I had discussed this with some of the nurses and they had attempted to describe to me how they looked in evening dress. But their descriptions were inadequate, so they received the matron's permission to visit me before they left for the ball so that I could see them in clothes other than those smelling of antiseptics and ether.

I explained this to Peter, and we sat up in bed waiting for them to appear, the lights above us still burning after the ward skirting the verandah was in darkness.

The door at the end of the verandah was beyond our cave of light and when it clicked open we gazed toward it, but could only see vague shadows that rustled like taffeta and breathed a perfume upon us.

Then the quick tapping of high heels and three nurses stood at the end of our beds. They pivoted like mannequins, and smiled, and said, "Well, what do you think of us?"

What did we think of them? I didn't know what I thought. I only knew that these lovely creatures had rubbed my bottom with methylated spirits and pushed pans beneath me. It seemed impossible. I felt that I would never be able to ask one of these girls for a bottle again.

They had emerged from their cocoons of starched linen and blue print, and I found it hard to adjust myself to the change.

They left and another group arrived, then singly and in twos and threes they entranced us for a little while till, at last, we were alone again.

"They were all beautiful, weren't they, Peter?" I said.

"Dey were," he said. "Dey make us happy all right."

Before he went to sleep, he said, "De nurse whose hair went up and up. She home girl. De home girl generally ugly, but she not."

An old Latvian, convalescent after a bad heart attack, often rested on the end of my bed and told me stories of the days when he was a sailor on a wind-jammer. I found him hard to understand. He spoke in broken English and often laughed. I laughed with him, though I rarely knew what I was laughing at. He believed in werewolves and I gathered that his father had told him the method by which a man could change himself into one of these creatures. I know it entailed sitting beneath a blasted pine tree on a dark night, but the more important details were lost to me.

They shifted him on to the verandah. Each morning he sat on the edge of his bed swinging his legs and adjusting himself to the fact that it was morning and he had to get up.

"Is that man delirious?" a sister asked me, seeing him throw back his blankets, "or is he allowed up?"

"He is allowed up," I said.

"I get mixed up in this hospital," she said. "There are so many old men here that half the time I don't know who are delirious and who are not."

The old Latvian read a lot. I gave him books which he read with the aid of a finger following the lines. I was just beginning to understand his comments on different books when the doctor announced that he was fit to leave.

It was early morning and he was sitting on the edge of his bed.

"You can leave this afternoon," said the doctor, speaking slowly and with emphasis on each word as one would speak to a child. "If you do exactly as I say you will be quite all right. See this piece of paper? Take it to the chemist and he will give you some drops which you must take regularly. But you must never work again. Do you understand me?"

"Yes," said the old man.

"You must never lift heavy weights or strain yourself in any way. If you do

you will die. But if you take these drops and never work again, you have nothing to fear. Just rest. Do you understand?"

"Yes."

"Right. You can leave this afternoon."

When the doctor had done the old man sat on his bed and looked at the floor.

"Have you a home to go to?" I asked him.

"No. No home."

"You are not married?"

"No."

"Where did you live before you came into the hospital?"

"I work on orchards and farms."

"But the doctor says you are not to work again. You have a bad heart."

"Yes, he say dat all right."

"I wonder where you can go," I said, distressed at the thought of him leaving.

"Dere's a hut along the river. I go dere."

"Yes, but how will you live. Have you got any money?"

"I got a pound."

He put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a pound note.

"Why don't you apply for the old age pension?" I asked him. "That would keep you."

"I do dat," he said, "but dey say, No. I not naturalised. I been fifty year in Australia, but I not Australian."

I felt helpless. Here was an old man who had given his health to the Australian soil and now he was being turned out to die like an old horse whose usefulness had expired—and there was nothing one could do about it.

In the afternoon he came and said good-bye. We shook his hand then watched him walk through the gate and out on to the road that to us represented freedom and health.

Late the next day a local youth walked on to the verandah carrying a sugar bag full of oranges.

"Is there a bloke here called Alan Marshall?" he asked.

"That's me," I said.

"Old Jack told me to bring you these oranges. You know—that old foreign chap who's been sick here. He bought you these oranges for a present."

The little boy who had run a needle into his knee didn't like the hospital. His mother visited him each evening, but he was lonely and sometimes cried. I told him how, when I was a little boy, I howled when I went into hospital, then howled when I left. This amused him and I heard him telling his mother about it that night.

Our conversation, shouted across three intervening beds, as a series of statements and answers.

"Mr. Marshall?"

"Yes."

"I do wish I was home."

"I have no one to talk to, Mr. Marshall."

"Talk to me."

"What about?"

"Anything."

"All right, I will."

"You know what I'd like, Mr. Marshall?"

"No. What?"

"I'd like my mother to come and see me this afternoon."

The sight of school children running along the road brought forth the comment:

"See those little boys out there, Mr. Marshall. They don't think they will ever be in hospital, do they?"

When the black-fellow in one of the beds between us had his gathered finger lanced and leapt upright, crying, "Jesus! Oh, Jesus!" and the brutal doctor snarled, "Lie quiet, you big calf. It's not hurting," and thick blood and matter spurted to the floor, the little boy turned his head away and cried.

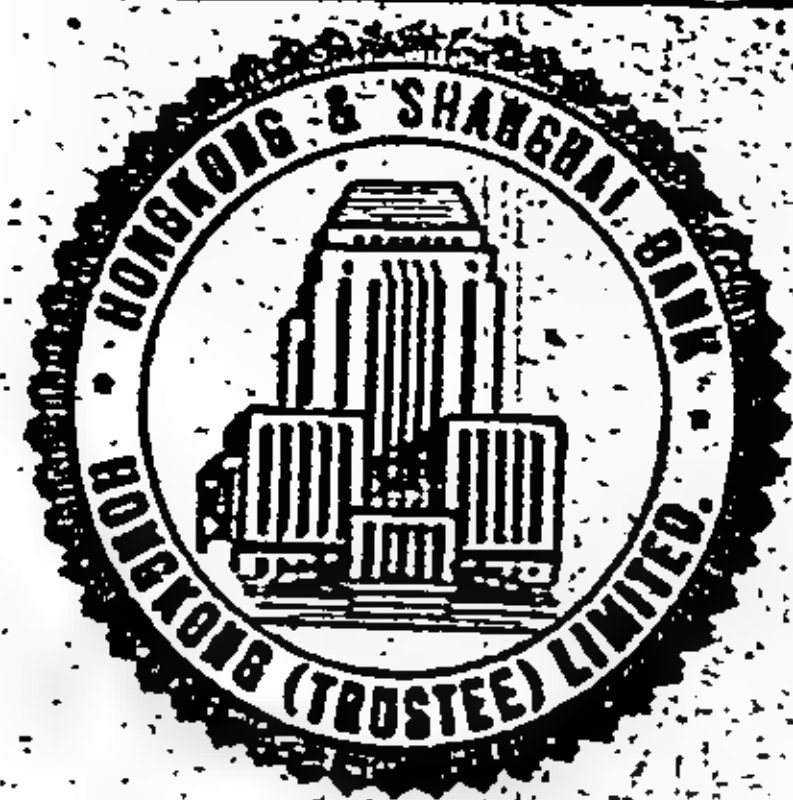
"Surely a big boy like you wouldn't cry," said an unsympathetic nurse. "Only babies cry. You are a baby."

"I want to cry, too, old chap." I called out to him.

"You are both babies," said the nurse.

"Maybe," I said, then raised my voice in a message to him, "but we're going to be brave men some day, aren't we?"

He smiled at that and blinked so



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that tears fell from his lashes though he kept his gaze averted from the black man near him.

The black was trembling on the bed, his face buried in the pillow, his outstretched hand dripping blood into a basin on the floor.

"How are you feeling?" I asked him.

"I'm tremblin' inside. You know—like when you get terribly scared." His voice broke on a sob. "That big cow thinks a man's got no bloody feelin's."

"You'll feel much better in a little while," I said. "That throbbing will stop."

"By Jesus it will be a long time before they get me back in here again. I'll bet."

"Have you ever been in a hospital before?"

"Hell, yes! I was busted. A man hit me low. God! I suffered for days. It was just like someone pouring hot water on you, scalding you all the time."

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Listening-Post

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VINTAGE MALAPROP

Part I of 'The Rivals' will be heard on Sunday in the Eastern Service at 11.30 p.m. and Part II at the same time on the following Sunday. This enchanting comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan was first produced at Covent Garden in 1775, when the author was 23. It ran for two nights only, but after cuts and alterations it returned ten days later and was a triumphant success; there has hardly been a year since then when 'The Rivals' has not delighted audiences somewhere.

For the broadcast version, made by Cynthia Pughe, whose skill in this direction is well known to overseas listeners, Athere Seyler, one of the most polished and adept of British actresses, will play Mrs. Malaprop—said to have been derived from Mrs. Tryfort in 'A Journey to Bath' which was written by Sheridan's mother. Whilst the other characters in 'The Rivals' have their own appeal Mrs. Malaprop is a jewel beyond price, and her glorious misuse of the English language is so well known that a 'malapropism' is synonymous with any word ludicrously misused.

Sir Anthony Absolute, the testy, choleric, lion-hearted, pig-headed father, determined to do the very best for his son even if he has to ruin his son's life in the process, will be played by that more than capable actor Frederick Lloyd, with Lydia Sherwood as Lydia Languish, and Patrick Waddington as Captain Jack Absolute. 'MR. HANDLEY.'

'Itma' has returned to the BBC programmes with a bang, but instead of the girl singer who has embellished the programmes for so many years there is a choir, normally called the George Mitchell Choir but for this programme dubbed Handley's Kerbside Choristers. This title may quite conceivably change as the months go by, for it is unlikely that any body of people engaged in 'ITMA' will be left in peace to go their way undisturbed. (General Overseas: Sunday, 9.15 p.m.; and Friday, 2.00 p.m.)

Sunday, October 17

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

11.30 RADIO DRAMA Athene Seyler and Frederick Lloyd in 'THE RIVALS.' Part 1—by Richard Brinsley Sheridan. Adapted for broadcasting by Cynthia Pughe.
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B.B.C. Highlights

10.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Symphony Orchestra BBC Women's Chorus Conducted by Walter Goehr Margaret Ritchie (soprano) Arnold Maters (baritone).
11.15 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS—Band of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment Conductor: K. A. Elloway.

11.45 CHRISTIANITY AND EVERYDAY LIVING—Second of three talks by the Rev. Leslie D. Weatherhead. P.M.

1.30 EBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Sir Adrian Boult William Herbert (Australian tenor) Overture: Der Freischütz Weber Aria for tenor from 'Der Freischütz' 'Through the Forest' Weber Symphony No. 3 in E flat (The Rhenish) Schumann Prelude to Act III of Lohengrin Wagner.

3.15 TIME FOR WORSHIP—from Kidderminster Parish Church, conducted by Canon R. B. Jolly.

3.45 FOOTBALL RESULTS.
5.15 GENERALLY SPEAKING—A talk from the BBC Home Services.
6.00 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
9.15 Tommy Handley in 'ITMA'.
9.45 LIFE IN BRITAIN.

10.15 MELODY TIME—Gerald and his Concert Orchestra.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor, played by Colin Horsley (New Zealand pianist) and the BBC Northern Orchestra, conductor, Charles Groves. Programme also includes Haydn's Symphony No. 95 in C minor.

Monday, October 18

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

11.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME 'Producing Shakespeare'—A talk by Michael MacOwan.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

1.30 GILBERT AND SULLIVAN The Story of a Great Partnership—A radio biography in six parts Part 3: 'Fame and Fortune'—(featuring 'H.M.S. Pinafore', 'The Pirates of Penzance', and 'Patience'). BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus.
2.30 SYDNEY LIPTON—and his Orchestra.

5.15 PORTRAIT OF A THAMES LIGHTERMAN—Introducing Dick Hurner—Freeman of the River and Lighterman of the sixth generation. Written by Gordon Cruickshank.
6.00 CELEBRITY RECITAL Pierre Bernac (baritone)—Accompanist, Ernest Lush.

7.15 ORCHESTRAS OF THE WORLD—Paris Conservatoire Orchestra.

9.15 LET'S MAKE MUSIC—featuring the Squadronaires Dance Orchestra, directed by Jimmy Miller. With Carole Carr, The 'Quads', The 'Squads' Choir and The Ray Edington Quartet.

10.15 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS—Band of the Royal Tank Regiment.
10.45 BRITISH INDUSTRY—Management in Industry A talk by William Holt.
11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.15 Eric Barker in 'THE WATER LOGGED SPA'.

Tuesday, October 19

EASTERN SERVICE

P.M.

11.30 'THE OLD WIVES' TALE'—by Arnold Bennett. Part 11.
GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
12.15 RING UP THE CURTAIN—BBC Theatre Orchestra and Chorus Conductor: Walter Goehr Margaret

Thomas (contralto) Tom Culbert (tenor) Excerpts from Borodin's opera: 'Prince Igor'.

1.30 VARIETY BANDBOX—from the Cambridge Theatre, London with Frankie Howard, Harry Secombe, April May and June, Leonard Henry, Barbara Sumner, and Billy Williams.

3.15 NATIONAL BRASS BAND FESTIVAL—from the Royal Albert Hall, London, conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent (BBC recording).

3.45 NEGRO SPIRITUALS—sung by the Choir of the Young Men's Fraternal of East Queen Street Baptist Church, Kingston, Jamaica.

5.30 FREEDOM HOUSE—An exchange programme between the BBC in London and the Columbia Broadcasting System in the United States to commemorate the seventh anniversary of Freedom House in New York.

6.00 FROM THE PROMENADE CONCERTS—LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Stanford Robinson Nancy Evans (mezzo-soprano) Solo violin: George Stratton Solo flutes: Edward and Gordon Walker Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G for violin, two flutes, and strings...Bach Aria, Schlege doch (Church Cantata No. 53) Bach (BBC recording).

6.30 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME 'Producing Shakespeare'—talk by Michael MacOwan.

9.15 MUSICAL MEMORIES—played by the Melachrino Orchestra, conducted by George Melachrino.

10.15 Bonar Colleano in 'IT'S A GREAT LIFE'.

10.45 BRITISH FARMER—Autumn Sowing: Cropping Plans for the Year, by L. F. Easterbrook.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Wednesday, October 20

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

11.15 STRADIVARI ORCHESTRA—Directed by Michael Spivakovsky. P.M.

12.45 STAR VARIETY—with Clive Richardson and Tony Lowry, and Edric Connor.
2.45 LISTENERS' CHOICE.

6.00 FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME Vaughan Williams's—Mass in G minor, sung by the St. Michael's Singers, conductor, Harold Darke and E. J. Moeran's String Quartet.

8.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

9.30 VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE—BBC Variety Orchestra, conductor, Rae Jenkins, with Owen Brannigan.

10.30 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Thursday, October 21

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

10.30 FROM THE PROMENADE CONCERTS BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent Suite: The Planets (Mars; Venus; Jupiter) Holst (BBC recording).

P.M.

2.15 MUSIC OF THE REGIMENTS—Band of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.

3.45 FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

4.15 FROM THE PROMENADE CONCERTS—BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Basil Cameron Constance Cummings (narrator) Recitation with orchestra, Peter and the Wolf Prokofiev (BBC recording).

6.00 THE CHILDREN OF EUROPE—Written and produced by Marjorie Banks. Narrated by Edward Ward.
7.00 TRAFALGAR DAY—A commentary on the ceremony in Trafalgar Square, when H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester unveils the memorial busts of Admirals of the Fleet Earl Beatty and Earl Jellicoe. Religious service conducted by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Geoffrey Francis Fisher.

8.15 STAR VARIETY—with Leslie Hutchinson ('Hutch') and Viera.

10.45 OBSERVATION POST.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.15 BRITISH CONCERT HALL—Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra Conducted and presented by Maurice Miles Marie Wilson (violin) Symphony No. 88 in G Haydn Violin Concerto.....Harty

Friday, October 22

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

P.M.

12.15 TRAFALGAR DAY CELEBRATIONS—Entertainment from a Naval Base.

2.00 'ITMA'.

2.30 SPORTS BULLETIN.

4.15 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.

4.45 OBSERVATION POST.

6.00 COUNTRY MAGAZINE—from

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Flamborough Head, Yorkshire. Introduced by Hal Jukes. Music played by Jack Hardy's Little Orchestra.

6.30 NEW RECORDS—Presented by Robert Tredinnick.

7.00 SPECIAL DISPATCH.

7.15 BOOKS TO READ.

8.15 MARK LUBBOCK—and his Orchestra.

9.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Ian Whyte.

10.45 LOOKING AT BRITAIN.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

Saturday, October 23

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE

A.M.

10.15 EL ALAMEIN REUNION—at the Royal Albert Hall, London. A recorded reconstruction of the event.

11.15 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.

11.45 MAINLY FOR WOMEN.

P.M.

1.30 'THE WATERLOGGED SPA'.

2.00 FROM 'THE PROMENADE CONCERTS—LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Basil Cameron Symphony No. 5 in B flat.....Schubert.

2.30 SPORTS BULLETIN.

6.00 'THE OLD WIVES' TALE—by Arnold Bennett. Part 11.

6.30 SCOTTISH MAGAZINE.

7.00 WORLD AFFAIRS.

7.15 'FILM'—A talk by Roger Mayhew.

9.30 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE - MARSH'.

10.15 'MOMENT OF INERTIA'—A relative comedy by Maurice Horspool.

11.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.

11.15 'CYRIL STAPLETON—and his Orchestra.

11.50 WALES v. SCOTLAND—Soccer: A commentary by Raymond Glendenning on the second half of the match.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Sir Francis Burton. The Kasidan of Haji Abdu.
2. Matthew Arnold
3. W.S. Gilbert.
4. Havelock Ellis.
5. The Lover Tells Of The Rose in His Heart.
6. Gilbert K. Chesterton.

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Talking about Films

Now Salute 'The Henrey Boy'

BY GUY RAMSEY

Although "The Winslow Boy" made considerable demands upon my superlatives of praise last week, I have to dredge the very last of them adequately to review *The Fallen Idol*.

This picture presents British screen talent at its very best.

Primarily, an author of stature, whose people are real people and whose sense of selection is God's gift to an intelligent film-maker.

Secondly, a director who can exploit without vulgarity and scamp nothing of the opportunities he is offered.

Thirdly, a loving care in the casting so that each small part stands out sharply individual and yet merges integrally into the whole.

Fourthly, the sort of acting such a director and such a script will evoke from fine artists.

All this author Graham Greene and director Carol Reed have, between them and their couple of dozen players, produced in good measure. But there is, in this picture (which won the First International Prize for the Best Screen Play of the Year in Venice early last month), a seemingly insuperable difficulty; a child who has to be not only the centre of the story but to ACT; not merely to counterfeit synthetic emotions and "register" joy (with jumps) or grief (with glycerine tears).

So, although my cap is off to Sonia Dresdel, who plays an hysterical not only with terrifying intensity but with the suggestion of the basic, unhealthy hatred and unreasonableness that is the hall-mark of women of that emotional type; to Sir Ralph Richardson for his skilful subordination of himself to his part (an amiable if negative character); to Miss Michele Moreau for her convincing physical representation of a love-ridden girl; to Mr. Karel Stepanek for his diplomat who really suggests how Foreign Office folk think; and to the rest of the cast (notably Mr. Ray Petrie and Miss Dora Bryan) for doing what was required as well as it could be done.

Although my cap is, as I say, off to all concerned, I am on the knee before little Bobby Henrey, who carries the whole structure upon eight-year-old shoulders and is never for an instant a child actor but always a child.

The story is of this little boy who, seeking to save Ralph Richardson from suspicion of murder in a case of accidental death, thrusts him into it; and the intrinsic irony of the situation, combined with the skill in its presentation, provides anyone who sees the picture with 84 minutes of sheer enchantment.

"The Fallen Idol" is based upon a fine short story: Esther Waters upon a novelist's masterpiece.

But Mr. Ian Dalrymple, who created it, is far from being Mr. Carol Reed; and the magic of George Moore, which turned the sombre story of a betrayed servant girl during the heaviest of Victorian decades into a revolutionary and inspirational book, is the one thing he has failed to translate to the screen.

Miss Kathleen Ryan, in the title role, is presented as just a girl to whom things happen; a passive instrument, purged of peasant vitality as of common speech.

A film called "Noose" is a piece of moderately entertaining nonsense adapted from Mr. Richard Llewellyn's stage play about spivs and a (low-class) Bulldog Drummond gang, with the police intervening.

Its only memorable quality is provided by Mr. Nigel Patrick's "wide

boy," which, on the screen as on the stage, is both written and played into genuine character.

A pity that Wardour-street was unrealistic enough to dignify in his final arrest the comic, contemptible character player by Mr. Patrick. He now stands almost a hero to uncritical adolescence, whereas his panic on the stage was not only true but valuably moral.

Mr. Rank has burst into the cartoon market. Four Technicolored shorts were Press-shown this week; but Mr. David Hands, their creator, is no Walt Disney, and the comparison—if odious—is inevitable.

The Crown Film Unit has produced what ought to be a valuable "instructional" in view of the balletomania now epidemic in Britain. It is called *Steps of the Ballet* and has a commendatory spoken by Mr. Robert Helpmann.

But the instruction is of the most superficial.

"The Exile" is Hollywood's idea of the early days of Charles II. When he lived a shabby-genteel life as a pensioner in the Netherlands. Since he is played by Mr. Douglas Fairbanks, Jun., who looks not unlike him, he encounters the sort of adventures usually associated with this actor, with Mr. Errol Flynn, and—above all—with Fairbanks pere.

It is, of course, a piece of costume nonsense with a fight on the indispensable Dutch windmill, a torchlight chase on horseback, many overturned tables, a French countess played by Miss Maria Montez, who obviously finds the French language something of a trial—her oft-repeated "Allez" to her coachman sounds more like the "Allez-oop!" of a German circus performer than the command of a French lady of rank—and a Dutch girl (Miss Paule Croset) who, having sheltered the Exile, renounces him for love.

A pity that, with its lavish expenditure of money on the production, and of industry on the period, Hollywood would not spare a dollar or two for a script-writer with the nous to recall that Charles Stuart was a wit.

"This Time For Keeps" is not to be taken seriously, and cannot, therefore, sustain serious criticism. But even of its lavish, yet basically cheap, type it is abysmal.

It is a Technicolored musical with a swimming-pool instead of an ice-rink, and Miss Esther Williams instead of Miss Sonja Henie in the leading part. Save for a performance of quality by Mr. Jimmy Durante (who, from his part, should rather be billed under his old name, Schnozzle), and a passage or two of the sort of acting the late Dame May Whitty could produce in her sleep, there is only this to record.

Mr. Lauritz Melchior sings — the more obvious excerpts from opera; Mr. Johnnie Johnston also sings — in a moderate imitation of the Bing Crosby manner (and does not even attempt to act). Miss Williams just swims.

A picture that ought to—but will not—go to America is "Shadow of the Ruhr", the latest of the British documentaries which are issued by Mr. Rank under the generic name of "This Modern Age."

This 20 minutes of modern history really presents in brilliant visual form the problem, and some of the attempted solutions, of Europe's major headache.

"Voices Of Malaya" by the Eastern section of the Crown Film Unit, was,

DIVORCE IS NO SOLUTION

Divorce is NOT a passport to happiness for "you can never be wholly free of someone you once loved," says Nina Wilcox Putnam, who has lived through two divorces. In August Reader's Digest, this famous writer (happily married since 1925) discusses the causes of divorce and shows what tragic mistakes most divorces are. Read what she considers one inescapable ingredient of a successful marriage... and how many a shaky marriage can be made to work—if you really want it to.

(Condensed from *Magellan's*)

Also in Reader's Digest

Boy Gangs of Mousetown. In gangs 600 strong, they wage wars with ice picks,



Bradford Chambers

acid, home-made guns—these Harlem boys who baffle sociologists and police alike. Read this condensation from Bradford Chambers' forthcoming book: an absorbing, first-hand account of the life of New York's gang kids.

"Cold" women—and why. Frigidity (or what is assumed to be frigidity) is more widespread than realized, and apparently on the increase—says Amram Scheinfeld, noted authority. He explains psychological causes of frigidity... tells how much of this personal tragedy might be averted.

(Condensed from *Argo*)

Why we didn't take Berlin. The road was open—yet we halted a few short miles from the city and let the Russians slug it out till they'd captured the prize. John T. Flynn describes those last fateful days... reveals the secret deal Roosevelt made that is behind our predicament in Berlin today.

Live in "day-light compartments." Worrying about yesterday, anxious about tomorrow, too many of us put off really living for a day that never comes, says Dale Carnegie. He reveals one basic secret many great men have used to keep worry out of their lives... and to insure greater peace of mind. (From best-seller "How to Stop Worrying and Start Living")

And more than 30 other articles of lasting interest, selected from leading magazines and current books, condensed to save your time. For instance:

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admittedly, shot without a script and—in the light of modern events—may well have to be re-edited. Nevertheless, it is a competent enough statement of the difficulties inherent in a five-nation country: Aborigines, Malays, Chinese, Indians, and Europeans.

A Woman's Writing-Paper Expert DOWN THE ROAD OF MEMORY

Little clouds of autumn dust drifting over our hedges of bramble and sloe are the signal of Eli Dudeney, the roadman, at work.

These seven weeks past he has worn out three bass brooms, sweeping up the gravel chippings left after the steamroller had been.

When the steamroller came—an event for the smaller children who followed it, fingers in mouths, at a respectful distance—he ceased to be a solitary figure of our Downland scene and became a member of a gang.

They tarred and surfaced and rolled the village street in a concert of processes that our old men are still shaking their heads over, mistrustfully.

"There's too much machine about it," and they smile knowingly at us shoe wearers who have been having a bad time hooking out chips of granite from under our socks.

The steamroller departed, and Eli Dudeney resumed his traditional role of working alone between earth and sky and often in lonely places. He has six miles of road to look after, and his working week of 47 hours has just been officially reduced to one of 44 hours.

"Ah, that's the Union," he will tell you proudly. "Union's done a lot for us chaps."

Enough For Him

He means, you learn, the National Union of Public Employees, which he unfashionably names in full. With purchasing power where it is, he does not seem particularly disappointed that a National Arbitration Tribunal has not upheld a claim of 6s. a week increase in the basic pay rate of £4 10s.

Bow-legged and one of the last of our wearers of the old-time dewties—strap or string fastened round corduroy trousers just under the knee—he has been working on these roads for 22 years. His is a silent life. For many hours of most days he has no one to speak to.

He says he misses the "characters" of the road who used to pass the time of day with him. There are very few tramps now. "No knife-grinders, no organ-grinders, either." He refers to tramps by a very old name—"pikeys," which has come down from the turnpike days.

He remembers when tar came and what happened to the two servant girls who foolishly rode their bicycles through the first lot of road tar put down in these parts. "Oh, my word!"

It is still the laugh of his lifetime. The long years in the open air have given him a laugh that is like the jangle of a sheep's canister-bell.

A Spade's A Spade

He did not know until you told him, and he still only half believes, that a stretch of the main road he works on is Roman, part of the Ermine Way. The romance of keeping its verges tidy and its ditches and drains clear does not impress him. You tell him that you saw a coin of Constantine picked up there and he is still unmoved.

But he expects you to be all attention when he reveals that he once found a spade guinea in the roadside grit. "And an arrowhead—it was a beauty."

As he talks he leans on his broom handle, one leather-brown arm resting across the other. The sound of a motor-cycle comes over the hill. He listens, head up, showing a huge collar of a shirt stud.

"Inspector," he says, and hands to his work again like a man who, while resenting the inevitable, is wise enough to accept it.

REGINALD POUND

New Books BUT WHAT DOES 'A' DO NEXT?

By PETER QUENNELL

Peter de Polnay is a gifted, natural story-teller—fluent, inventive, with a knack of hitting on the right word.

His weakness is that, having once got hold of a story and carried it beyond a certain point, he seldom gives us the impression that he knows exactly what to do with it.

Take his latest novel, *The Fat of the Land*. Here are twin portraits, well hung and suitably framed, of a rich man and a poor man.

Muddling Along

The poor man is an improvident beachcomber, but with the little he has he manages to muddle along more or less contentedly in a ramshackle villa in the South of France, which he shares with an attractive wife, a couple of devoted dogs, and other miscellaneous livestock.

The rich man possesses several million pounds, an iron digestion, and a fund of ruthless will power. We see them meet, observe their mutual attraction, and then remark the consequences.

So far so good. Michael Barber, the capricious millionaire, with his odd habits, his tyrannical whims, and his court of bridge-playing sycophants, whom he summons by telephone at any hour of the day or night, is really very neatly rendered: his seduction of the poor man's wife a most convincing episode. It is not a question of genuine lust or love, but a symptom of his insatiable craving to impose his will on others.

Thus Francis Walton loses a companion he loves, and Michael Barber gains an unwanted wife—a woman he had only desired while she represented conquest.

Here the writer—apparently a trifle uncertain what he ought to do next—invokes the assistance of the World War. Barber falls in with the Marquis, sheds his plutocratic finibus, becomes an undaunted hero of the French Resistance Movement, and, when the war is over and he has returned to England, develops a new line of attack against his fellow human beings.

Not content with dominating, he now wishes to improve them. The bout he had wielded as a tyrannical millionaire is nothing to the scorpion-whip he brandishes once his mind is set on good works.

A good idea: but Peter de Polnay's treatment of these contrasted characters, though it provides an excuse for many amusing scenes, is always rather vague and haphazard. So at times is his handling of the English language. "The speed of his speech was on account of him wanting to reach the tragic end as soon as possible!" is a sentence with which a self-respecting 12-year-old schoolboy would disdain to blot his copy-book!

Another Croesus

Very different from the villain of "The Fat of the Land" is Scott Fitzgerald's millionaire-hero presented in *The Great Gatsby*.

I have already written of Scott Fitzgerald: so I must content myself with reminding you that this realistic yet romantic tale about the far-off 'twenties—when Jazz was in its exuberant youth and the fire-balloon of American prosperity was still sailing gaily sky-

wards—is among the two or three most important and influential novels published on the other side of the Atlantic since 1918.

A book to buy, if you have not yet acquired it. But I wish that the present nandy little reprint had a more becoming dust-cover.

Another Enemy

Scott Fitzgerald described the frivolous after-math of World War Number One: Merle Miller writes of the far more depressing consequence of a second world-catastrophe.

That Winter introduces us to three young ex-soldiers on the loose in New York, tells how one is defeated and dies, and how his luckier or wiser friends beat a strategic retreat from Manhattan before the city crushes them.

A serious novel, honest and capably written, but often somewhat heavy. Merle Miller is one of those American novelists whose narrative frequently degenerates into a long, long weary catalogue of girls telephoned to, bars visited, and potent highballs knocked back.

UNDER REVIEW

The Fat of the Land by Peter de Polnay. (Hutchinson, 9s. 6d.)

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald. (Greville Press, 8s. 6d.)

That Winter, by Merle Miller. (John Lehmann, 10s. 6d.)

QUICK LOOKS

Meredith, by Siegfried Sassoon. (Constable, 15s.)

An unassuming introduction to a foremost exponent of the literary Grand Manner. George Meredith as a novelist hallowed, bromed, aesthetized: his biographer seldom raises his voice, but is content to rehearse the great man's praises in a mild colloquial undertone. A book that will please Meredith's admirers, but seems unlikely to convert his critics.

Here and There, by W. Somerset Maugham. (Heinemann, 8s. 6d.)

If much as you appreciate his versatility you are slightly doubtful about Somerset Maugham's latest historical adventures you will be particularly kind of this collection of 24 selected short stories.

The Palace of Virtue in Danger by Sir John Vanbrugh. With an introduction by Cyril Ritchard. (Peter Nevill, 8s. 6d.)

If you enjoyed the London production of Sir John Vanbrugh's brilliant, heartless comedy, you will be delighted to acquire the complete text illustrated by photographs of the modern cast at work or play, and further embellished by Cyril Ritchard's foreword.

Gibbon, by G. M. Young. (Rupert Hart-Davis, 6s.)

G. M. Young's accomplished portrait-sketch of the prodigious little progenitor of the mighty "Decline and Fall" is one of the best short biographies published since the first war. It has now reappeared with a new introduction. Well printed, sensibly priced; altogether an admirable birthday present for any literary young man.

Hunting with 'The Fox', by Jules Renard, illustrated by H. de Toulouse-Lautrec. (Faber, 12s. 6d.) Renard had an exquisite gift of natural observation: Toulouse-Lautrec was one of the greatest draughtsmen of the 19th century. Their combined talents produced an enchanting book, a collection of sportsman's jottings, written by one lover of animals, illustrated by another. T. W. Earp and

Britain's Children

A leading continental authority on children and their care is convinced that those in Britain are the finest in Europe. The authority is Professor Henri Bonnet, who is a member of France's Faculty of Medicine and Director of the United Nations Child Welfare Fund. His opinion is based on information gathered during a recent visit to Britain during which he examined thousands of infants up to eight years old and made a careful study of their health records.

Professor Bonnet has just published his judgment in a report on his work for the Child Welfare Fund. The report is to be submitted to the United Nations. He considers that the mothers of Britain deserve much praise.

He says, "British babies are miles ahead of any other babies anywhere on the continent. It means that Britain will in few years hence have the finest generation of young men and women both mentally and physically. . . . Whatever may be other difficulties facing Britain she can rest assured that she is building on the one really solid foundation—children with glorious good health."

ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION

Eleven babies believed to be dead at birth have been restored to life by rocking them in front of fire says a medical report just published.

The man who did it, Doctor Noel Forsyth of Malton Yorkshire, died last year. Doctor F. C. Eve says in the "British Medical Journal" that thousands of lives are lost every year because not enough doctors know about the rocking method of artificial respiration.

Rocking starts the blood moving and this sets breathing going, says Doctor Eve, in his report on Doctor Forsyth's work. Sometimes the baby was brought back from apparent death by rocking for only eight minutes. In other cases, Doctor Forsyth had to rock for more than half an hour.

G. W. Stonier are responsible for the English text.

Copsford, by Walter J. C. Murray. (Allen and Unwin, 12s. 6d.)

The story of one man's struggle, almost unaided, against rats and weeds and loneliness; of how he made a home of a broken-down abandoned cottage, learned to live on the land, and domesticated his own plot of intamed rural England.

Wilkie, by Rupert Croft-Cooke. (Macdonald, 9s. 6d.)

After many years' service abroad, Wilkie, thoroughly nice wearer of regimental and Old School ties, returns to his native land and finds it sadly altered. Crouching blow descends when he discovers that his only son has become an adroit blackmailer. Wilkie keeps a stiff upper lip, straightens his Old School tie, and retires precariously towards the Far East. A readable story; but my response to the hero's misfortune was not always as solemn as it should have been.

The Film Fan's Bedside Book. (Co-ordination Press and Publicity, Ltd., 8s. 6d.)

For the less critical type of film-fan, more than 135 pages of luscious entertainment, profusely illustrated articles on a variety of filmic themes, from "Ten Years of Film Kiss" to "The Life Story of Lassie."

Cousin Betta, by Honore de Balzac. Translated by Kathleen Raine. (Novel Library. Hamish Hamilton, 6s.)

If you are suffering from a surfeit of modern fiction, and want to take the taste away, I recommend this new translation of one of the greatest books of one of France's greatest novelists. . . . Scry, Wrong Number, by Allan Ulman and Lucille Fletcher. (Gollancz, 7s. 6d.—published Monday.) Popular American thriller: effect of suspense heightened by tinkling telephonic background.

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.
2. U.S.S. St. Paul.
3. L.D. Kibbee, with 102 retired.
4. No. 1 Police Station, near the Lee Theatre.
5. A White Isle in a Yellow Sea.
6. Vice-President of the United States Lines.
7. Archbishop of York

SUNDAY HERALD MAGAZINE SECTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1948.

A British Schoolboy On America Everybody Goes Too Fast For Peter Of Cheshire

Peter Craig, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire, is one of 23 British public schoolboys who have just arrived here in the Queen Elizabeth to spend one year at an American school.

Peter is 17 (18 on the last day of the year) and is at Rugby. He will go to Choate School, Connecticut, under an exchange arrangement organised by the English Speaking Union.

Already 6ft. tall, with a mop of unruly fair hair, Peter is quite unaffected and spontaneous in his views. He and I spent five hours 'doing New York.'

We drove along Broadway, wandered up and down Fifth-avenue, drove through Central Park and dockside slums, and, of course, went up all the 1,250ft. of the Empire State Building.

Richard Greenough Was His Guide

Even after that short while Peter had definite ideas about New York — and about Americans.

"I know already I'm going to enjoy my stay here, even though most of the time I'll be at school—but I'd hate to live here," he said. "Everybody seems to go too fast—and I wonder where, and for what, and what happens when they get there. Here in New York I feel like a very small cog in a very big machine. Looking up at the buildings is like being an ant in a country cart-rut."

One of Peter's first reactions was disappointment at the fact that the Statue of Liberty torch was out.

Peter hasn't much time for American children. And there were many aboard with him. "They're bump-tious and horribly spoilt. They seem to rule their parents and are always making a noise. Whenever we were playing ping-pong, and one of them got the ball we had to abandon the game as the parents could never make them give up and the ball usually ended up overboard."

Not Like Sister

"American girls? Well, I don't know much about them yet, though I met a lot on board. They seem attractive and vivacious, but very different from my sister and the girls I know at home. They seem to think of nothing except boys, clothes, and amusing themselves. They are easier to get on with, though."

And after five hours in New York Peter added: "They also seem in a great hurry and don't seem to notice

good manners. For instance, when one opens doors for ladies here they never say 'Thank you.' Driving up Broadway Peter's stock word was "Crikey." He hadn't imagined there were so many theatres and cinemas in the world.

Peter prefers Central Park to Hyde Park. "It's much more country-like, with hillocks, lakes, rocks, and more trees. The roads wind and it seems neater and cleaner."

"One thing is strange. I haven't seen one bicycle. Everybody seems to ride in cars and taxis."

"The New York police and all officials I've seen so far seem better dressed than in England. The police are exactly as I'd expected, directing traffic with their thumbs, and carrying revolvers which seem as dangerous as the traffic they try to control."

"I think it funny to see street-cleaners smoking cigars as they work."

After we had concentrated New York into five hours—including rides on the subway, which Peter thinks worse, dirtier, and noisier but faster than London's Underground—and after Peter had exhausted his superlatives and the power to assimilate any more, he sat back in an armchair sipping Coca-Cola through straws and observed: "But what a city to be blitzed. I think I'd prefer Texas or somewhere like that."

A Frenchman On Britain

Bonniest Babies In All Europe

After a visit to London, during which he examined thousands of British babies and made a careful study of their health statistics, Professor Henri Bonnet, member of the Faculty of France's leading authorities on children, has returned to Paris convinced that British children are the finest in Europe.

He is putting this conclusion into a report on his work as one of the heads of the United Nations Child Welfare Fund.

"British babies are miles ahead of any other babies anywhere on the Continent. British mothers deserve much praise."

"It means that Britain will, a few years hence, have the finest generation of young men and women, both mentally and physically, in Europe."

"And I mean it—every word of it," the professor told me at his home here tonight.

Magnificent

"From the health point of view British babies are super-babies compared with the others."

Professor Bonnet concentrated on looking at babies up to eight years of age.

"I visited every kind of children's institution in and around London, and went into State-run and privately managed places where children are looked after."

"Compared with French children, British babies are superior in muscle-development, bone-structure, the gene-

ral growth, and in weight. After all those years during which London took the bombardment it is indeed an achievement that your babies are so magnificent. You have won the 'Second Battle of Britain.'

"The reasons for this phenomenal baby health are very simple. In Britain you put first things first. You realised there was not much food to go round, but you decided that the children must be looked after first. Alas, we did not achieve that in France. You have somehow—and against tremendous odds—ensured that your children be given a balanced diet."

"I admire particularly the meals given to your children in the schools. In France we have little to compare with these things."

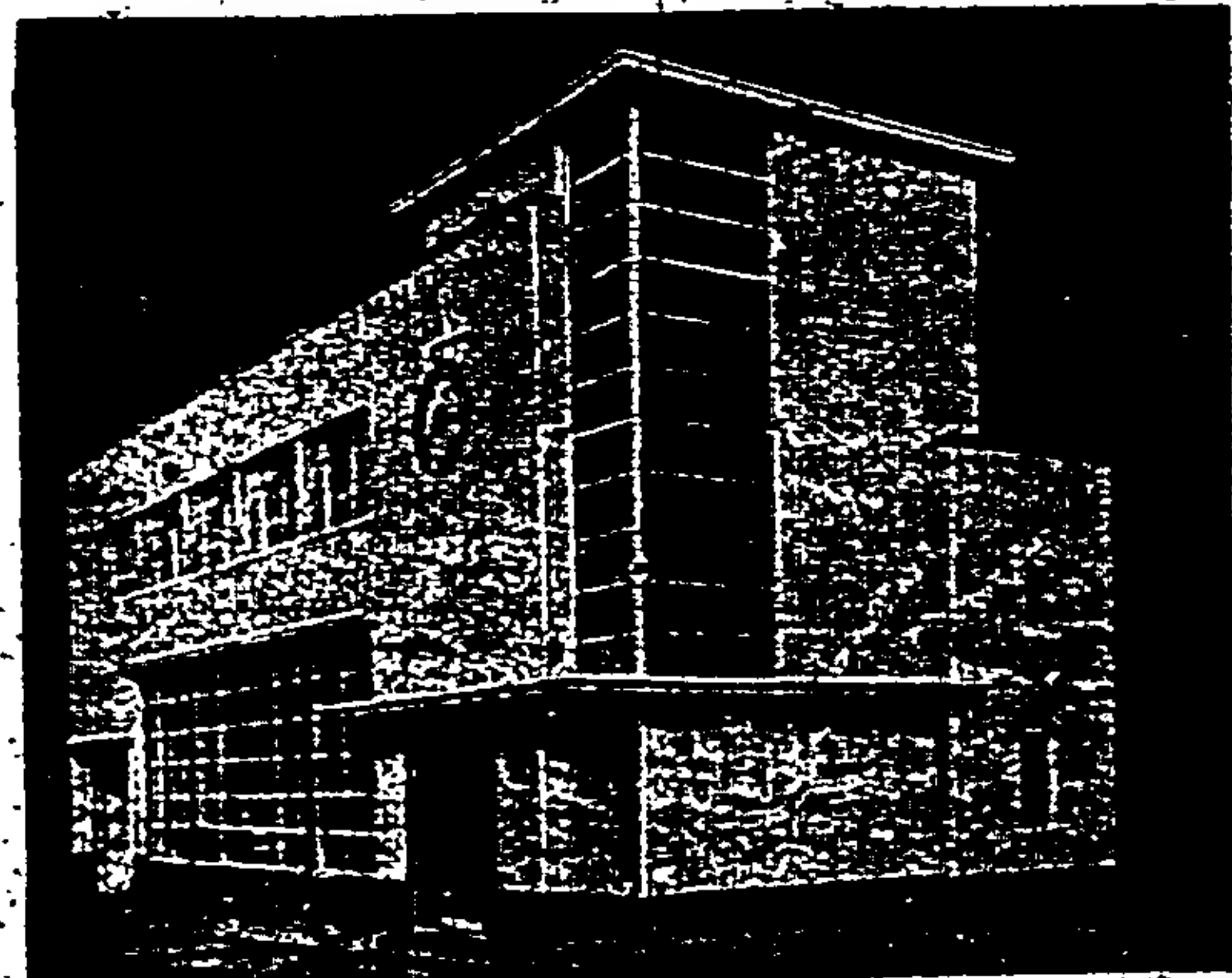
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"It is with sorrow that I have to say that if you take an average French child and compare him with his British counterpart you will find that he is lighter in weight, does not look so fit, has not the same amount of energy, is not as strong, and therefore has not the same resistance to disease."

During his visit to London Professor Bonnet had talks with some of Britain's leading experts on the care of babies, including Professor Alan Moncrieff.

"I told them," said Professor Bonnet, "that whatever might be the other difficulties facing Britain, she can rest assured that she is building on the one really solid foundation—children bursting with glorious, beautiful good health."

—WALTER FARR



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A man's work is never done

The art of stitching a button on to a coat is one that is easily mastered by the masterful man. (writes Domesticated George, cautiously putting his hand into his wife's sewing-box and getting his cuff-link hopelessly entangled in a skein of wool).

In the hope of finding buttons never open little tin boxes at random or the most unwanted things will fall out (warns Domesticated George, forcing open a small tin box with the point of the scissors and spilling a torrent of pins into his shoes).

Not the least lamentable characteristic of women (shrewdly observes Domesticated George, picking up a bulky octagonal purple button and eyeing it with considerable disfavour) is their unaccountable habit of fastening themselves loosely together with hideous great baubles! Honestly, I'd prefer the stoppers of lemonade bottles! If, try as you will, you can't find a quiet, gentlemanly, unattached button, then look around you for one that can be spared! (muttered Domesticated George, taking out his penknife and surreptitiously snicking off a neat leather button from the arm of his armchair). It is not work that kills men! It is worry!

It is unwise, to say the least of it, to try to enlarge a button-hole by pushing a poker into it! (shouts Domesticated George, crossly trying to remove a soot mark from his coat by rubbing it vigorously with his tie). That way surely lies madness and the grave!

So saying, Domesticated George hurled the cotton reel, the needle, and the chair button through the open window and sped frantically from the room, kicking out in all directions, and leaving behind him a tell-tale trail of artificial green silk, which led (it must be sadly confessed) in the direction of the nearest public-house.

Correspondence

Sir,—Your correspondent, who recently complained that while staying in a seaside luxury hotel his wife was spanked by the head-waiter for gross carelessness, doesn't seem to appreciate the fact that conditions have changed for the better since the war.

Today, thanks to the spread of education, it is generally recognised that hotel staffs are infinitely more important than guests, because they are resident workers, whereas guests are merely idle pleasure-seekers, here today and gone tomorrow.

The staff are there for the sole purpose of earning their own livings with the least possible trouble to themselves. Furthermore, they are very difficult to replace, whereas guests are all too plentiful.

In my view the head-waiter in question was strictly within his rights in correcting a troublesome guest for wanton carelessness, and in this hotel we make a regular practice of punishing our residents for misdemeanours. I enclose a copy of a notice which is hung in every bedroom:

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Over to You

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. What is truth? According to—"Truth" is the shattered mirror strewn in myriad bits, while each believes his little bit the whole to own.
2. With women the heart argues not the mind, according to whom?
3. Who wrote: "Darwinian Man, though well-behaved, At best is only a monkey shaved."
4. Profound thought! "The more rapidly a civilisation progresses, the sooner it dies for another to rise in its place." Who was responsible for that?
5. W.B. Yeats wrote: The wrong of unshapely things is a wrong too great to be told. In what poem?
6. The Faith of Tennessee has wafted over the sea. The odour of its sanctity—and Golly how it stank! From "A Song of St-Esteem" but who wrote it?

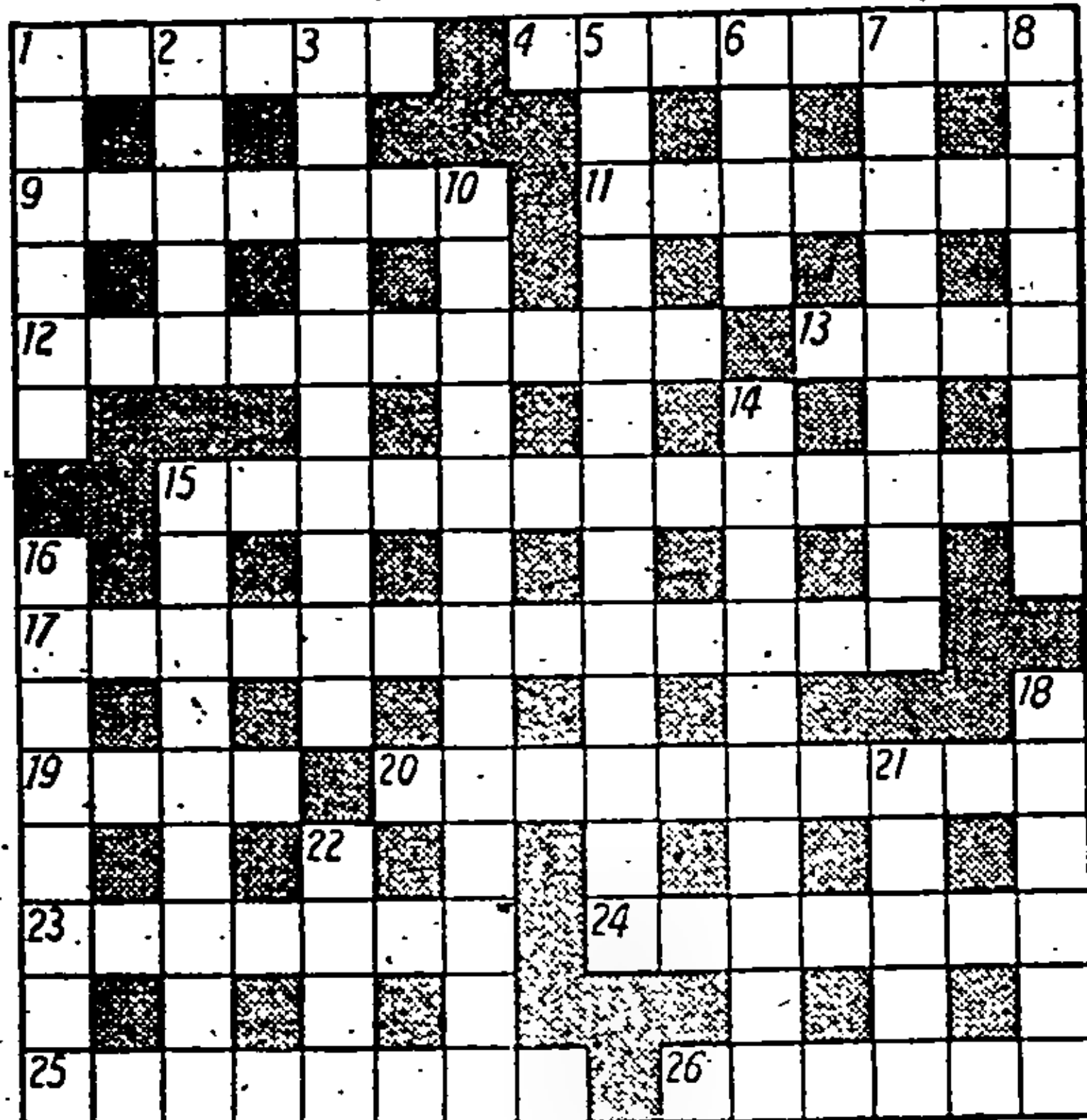
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NEWS QUIZ

1. The Prime Minister has promised a full judicial enquiry into alleged irregularities involving the Board of Trade. Whose name has been mentioned in connection with the statement?
2. An American heavy cruiser which arrived in port was conspicuous in the harbour when a fire occurred. What was the name of the vessel?
3. H.K.C.C. and the K.C.C. drew in the "Hancock Memorial" Shield match. Which batsman made top score?
4. A former Hong Kong police station was sold on Tuesday for \$427,000. Which one?
5. A new description was given to Australia this week by Mr. W.M. Hughes, former Prime Minister. How did he describe it?
6. Rear-Admiral Stedman, of the U.S. Navy, accepted a new appointment. As what?
7. War is not the worst of all evils, declared Dr. C.F. Garbett. What is his position in the Church of England?

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THE SUNDAY HERALD CROSSWORD No. 78



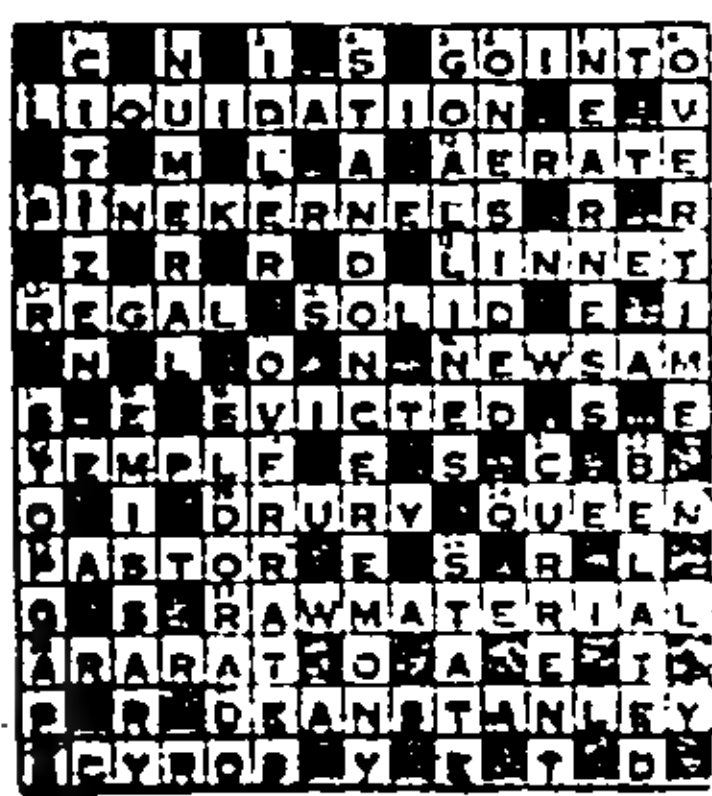
- 1 This college head is not necessarily a parson. (6)
- 4 In which the mistress escapes strains. (8)
- 9 Dress it differently. (7)
- 11 "A — of green fields" said Mrs. Pistol. (7)
- 12 Justinian was legally responsible for these. (10)
- 13 The sort of fellow who's well met. (4)
- 15 I plan no life to be put in. (10)
- 17 Many years qualify for it. (6)
- 19 Shows that speed can be achieved even without food. (4)
- 20 Means by which the regular works on time. (10)
- 23 His law I broke in Africa. (7)

- 24 The intricacy of the fisherman's job. (7)
- 25 Family divided over Peter Pan. (8)
- 26 Their sin up in a serpentine fashion. (6)

DOWN

- 1 Heedless crowd out, perhaps. (4)
- 2 Several go to one hand. (5)
- 3 Lord of the wine connoisseur's cellar. (3, 7)
- 4 Board for South African Olympians. (5, 8)
- 5 Flows back tidily. (4)
- 6 St. Paul told the Christians of Philippi to work out their own. (9)
- 7 "The — for the team?" (4, 4)
- 8 — of course produce the same, figurative result as showing. (10, 7)
- 9 Steamed fish is shown. (10)
- 10 Condition when the eternal spring in the human heart is missing. (2, 7)
- 11 The N.C.O. fed us in an un-mannered way. (8)
- 12 — — — — — (6)
- 13 Gales lady drops her pen to make a — — — — — (5)
- 14 I am suffering from a double — — — — — (4)

SOLUTION TO NO. 77



BRIDGE

In a competition, one of the Souths considered on the hand below that a pre-emptive bid of Four Clubs was necessary as a shutting-out bid. The others viewed the situation with clearer judgement and decided that, as East, the dealer, had passed there was no need for a high shutting-out bid.

S A Q 9 3
H Q J 8 6
D A Q J 10
C 9

S J 8 6 2
H A K 10 7 2
D K 3 2
C 2

N 10 7 6 4
W 8 3
E 8 7 6 5
S C Q 8 5 4

S K
H 9 5 4
D 9 4
C A K J 10 7 6 3

At the table where, after East's pass, South opened with Four Clubs, West passed and North raised his partner's bid to Five Clubs. West led the King of Hearts to North's Six and East's discouraging Three, while South dropped the deceptive Nine to puzzle West. The ruse succeeded. After South's pre-emptive opening bid the Nine seemed to be a singleton. West could not risk another lead in Hearts, and switched to the Two of Spades. The rest was routine. The declarer took the finesse in Diamonds, and threw his two losing Hearts on North's winning Spades. The Queen of Clubs could not be caught by a finesse, so only 11 tricks were made.

At the other tables the contract was Three No-trumps by North and nine, ten, eleven or twelve tricks were made according to which side played the more skilfully. The average score at these other tables was thus better by over 40 points.

The pre-emptive bid then caused a heavy loss. It would have been more justified perhaps as an opening bid, but after East's pass the partner is quite likely to have sufficient guards in the other suits for a contract in No-trumps. Why then pass the level of three and shut out a contract of Three No-trumps?

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VISHINSKY SNARLS DEFIANCE

Refuses To Answer Questions By Council On Berlin Crisis POWERS' PLAN DENOUNCED AS NAIVE TRICK

Paris, October 15

Mr. Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister and leader of the Soviet delegation to the Security Council, defiantly rejected the Security Council request today to answer the two questions about the Berlin crisis.

He denounced the plan to ask each of the big four powers for more information as a trick and disdainfully announced: "It is useless to think that the Soviet delegation will bite on this bait—get stuck in this glue."

Hong Kong Man Shot In Peiping

Peiping, October 16.

A jealous husband who shot and wounded an airline employee at a house party on Tuesday night gave himself up for court martial and now is in custody.

He was Flight Lieutenant Liu Shin Min, 26, a native of Loyang, Honan.

The victim, who was only slightly injured, was John Yick, 27, a native and graduate of Hong Kong University.

Yick is employed in the General Affairs Section, CAT Peiping office.

Yick was attending a house-warming party given by Captain and Mrs. William James Wingfield, American, when Liu appeared at the door, asked for Yick and fired three shots, two of which lodged in the victim's leg.

Captain Wingfield, former wartime Burma hump flier, is CAT's chief pilot in North China.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN TRADE WITH SOVIET

Washington, October 16.

The US Census Bureau reported US\$1,000,000 worth of goods were exported in August to the Soviet Union and other Eastern European nations. The July figure was US\$5,300,000.

US imports from the same countries were US\$14,800,000 in August and US\$12,300,000 in July.

Russia alone continued to trade a "favourable balance" in hands with the U.S. Russia received US\$1,200,000 in goods from the U.S. in August and shipped US\$8,500,000 worth to the U.S. about half of which was in vital chrome and manganese ores.—Associated Press.

Disarmament Scheme "Meant To Deceive"

Paris, October 15.

The American delegate (Mr. Frederick Osborne) today rejected Russia's disarmament proposals as "totally unacceptable" and "deliberately framed to confuse the public."

Demanding that Russia show good faith, Mr. Osborne said, "Will you signify the cessation of your expansionism by the withdrawal of your fifth columns all over the world?"

"Will you open up your country so all other nations may know what's going on there and relieve them of the fear which requires other nations to arm?"

"Is there not a certain effort in the Soviet Union, presenting to this body such a resolution in the name of a dictatorship which Premier Stalin himself has described as one based on violence....?"

Despite Russian opposition, the sub-committee on disarmament

approved for consideration of the 58-member Political Committee a resolution endorsing the American plan for atomic energy control.

It calls on the Big Five powers and Canada to seek a new basis for agreement.—United Press.

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Envoys Back At Posts

Moscow, October 15.
Walter Bedell Smith, US Ambassador to Russia, returned to Moscow today from a trip to Washington, Paris and Berlin.

Ambassadors of all three major Western powers—Britain, US and France—have now returned to Moscow. For a time all were away simultaneously.—Associated Press.

Rumania Sentences Briton

Bucharest, October 15.

A Rumanian court today sentenced Mr. Alexander Walter Evans, British former director of the Steaur Romana Oil Company, to three years' imprisonment, on charges of fraudulent administration of the company's money.

The court also ordered him to pay the equivalent of £24,000 to the company, £8 damages to the State and imposed a fine of £64. Mr. Evans immediately lodged an appeal.

Arrested on June 8 by the Rumanian authorities at the Hungarian frontier, Mr. Evans had been on trial since July 2.

The court had twice postponed giving its verdict and, in the meantime, permitted the prosecution to amend the charge to include additional sums of money.

The British Government has sent two protest notes to the Rumanian Government over the case, the first asking for the correction of a "palpable injustice" to a British subject, and the second asking the Rumanian Foreign Minister to enquire personally into the reason for the delay in the court's decision.—Reuter.

Opium Warning To British Ships

London, October 16.

Masters of British ships plying to and from India have been warned to watch out for large-scale attempts at opium smuggling, the shipping correspondent of the News Chronicle said today.

"During the past few weeks the authorities have been worried by a sharp increase in the amount of opium smuggled on board British ships. Vast quantities are involved," the correspondent said.

"Some of the opium has been hidden on ships bound for Britain."

"Native members of the crews of some ships are known to have been making huge profits out of the traffic."

"Most of the opium is unloaded at Far Eastern ports but a large quantity has been sent to Britain for transshipment to the United States where a ready market exists."

"Actual cargoes of raw opium were taken on board two ships recently."

"More than three hundred weight was found in packing cases in one ship and 16 bags in another. The total value was more than £80,000."

"Both ships carried native crews and Chinese carpenters."

"The traffic is well organised on the best big business scale. None of the ring-leaders has so far been caught."—Reuter.

Jewish Obstruction Of UN Observers On Palestine Front

Tel Aviv, October 16.

American Army officers on UN truce teams in Palestine say they have found the Arabs "fully co-operative" in allowing front line visits, but the Jews allow observers to see "only what the Army of Israel wants seen."

These officers, captains and majors mostly with World War II combat experience, cannot be quoted by name. They were speaking unofficially, as Americans and not as UN personnel, on their experiences on both sides of the Palestine front line.

On the Arab side, said one officer who has been with both, "they assign us a military policeman as a guide. We tell the driver where we want to go, and we go there to see whatever we want."

"Some sectors where the front is hot the guide may stop the jeep and advise us the rest of the way is dangerous. If we say we will go on anyway, he gives his consent and on we go."

This is only during daylight, the observers made it clear. At night observer officers are requested to remain in their quarters "because of danger from Arab irregulars who are not fighting under Army discipline and control."

Jewish Tactics

On the Jewish side it doesn't work that way, said officers who spent most of their observer time there. A couple of them put it this way: "What it amounts to is that we get on to places they want us to go to, and only at times they want us to be there."

Asked how they are prevented from driving their white jeeps about at will, one explained, "It is somewhere they do not want us to go just then, they tell us they have no one to send with us until tomorrow or they say we cannot go now because of heavy troop movements and road congestion, or sometimes just that we cannot go because of operations."

"They also give the excuse that roads leading to where we want

Sforza's Hint On Trieste

Rome, October 15.

The Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, declared in the Senate today that "when the time comes, Trieste will again be Italian."

He was speaking on the Foreign Ministry budget debate in the Senate. He declared that the Italian Government "does not believe the Soviet Union desires or is prepared to make war and I know the American people desire so-called prevention."

"But this does not alter the fact that there is serious international tension. Italy should not remain isolated. Have the people forgotten how Germany invaded half the neutral lands in Europe in World War II?"

The Foreign Minister went on: "I can say with certainty and reflecting not only the Government's but also the assurance and pledges of an international character that when the time comes Trieste will again be Italian."

Count Sforza then repeated his recent denial of the extension of any secret pact and affirmation of a policy of European collaboration.—Reuter.

INDIA FIGHTING

New Delhi, October 15.

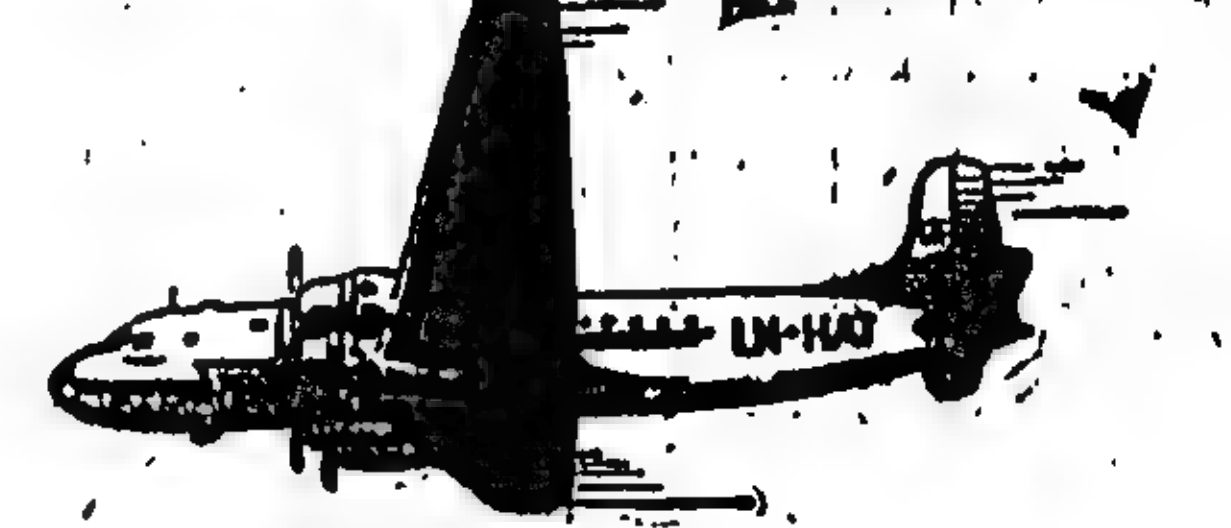
Indian troops inflicted "heavy casualties" on raiders in a four-hour battle, 70 miles North West of Srinagar, tonight's Indian Defence Ministry Communiqué said.

The battle, fought on Wednesday South and South West of Jithual, scene of earlier fighting, occurred after a two column attack on the Indian forward positions.—Reuter.

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Fighting Flares Up In South Palestine Desert

Tel Aviv, October 15.

MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED?

Athens, October 15. The Ministry of Information today announced that the War Minister, Constantine Rentsis and newspapermen would be flown to Salonika on Sunday for an "announcement" on a solution of the killing of George Polk, American Radio correspondent.

A Greek newspaper was filled with sensational reports of the solution of the crime today and freely named suspects. Official sources refused to confirm the names, but in off record conversations, blamed the Communists for the killing.

Among the few hard facts available in the capital today was that Gregory Staktopoulos, Salonika newspaperman, who has alleged Communist connections and his mother Mrs. Anna Staktopoulos, have both been in solitary confinement since August 14 at Salonika. No charges have been placed against them.

The police also allege that Staktopoulos was present on the small boat in Salonika harbour on May 9 when Polk was shot. They also charge that in evidence of the killing, Polk's initials, APO, on a card was found in Mrs. Staktopoulos' house.

Staktopoulos has worked for Reuters' agency and the British Information Service at various times.—United Press

A black-out was imposed through Israeli territory tonight because of the tense situation and the danger of an outbreak of hostilities after Egyptian attacks on Jewish convoys in the Negev, the Southern Palestine desert region.

The Israeli Air Force tonight bombed Egyptian bases in the Negev, according to an Israeli military spokesman. He added that armed clashes between Israeli and Egyptian land forces have also flared up in the Negev.

Jewish sources reported earlier today that Egyptian forces inflicted serious damage and casualties on a Jewish convoy. Two armoured trucks were lost and others damaged when Egyptians attacked a Jewish food convoy of 16 vehicles on the way to settlements in the Negev.

Six Egyptian Spitfires also attacked convoys passing between settlements in the region, causing some casualties.

The main convoy was attacked by mortar and light artillery as well as small arms.

It was the first Jewish attempt to use the Hattat-Karadja road to reach outlying settlements since the United Nations ruled on August 10 that the Jews should use the road for six hours daily and the Egyptians for a similar period. The convoy managed to withdraw but left two burning vehicles.

It was officially stated in Amman today that loud explosions were heard outside Jewish settlements and fires were seen in the Aghaviah quarter of New Jerusalem last night. Jerusalem itself, however, was quiet.

Jews Jittery

It is learned in Amman that nine refugee children who had been living with their parents under trees died in Nablus during the night weather this week.

Crowds of refugees have used mosques in Nablus as shelters from the cold.

In the Israeli capital, today, a curious mixture of "cockiness and jittery" was evident as the United Nations reopened its discussions on the Palestine problem.

It was also evident that the second truce, now nearly three months old, was wearing thin on the nerves of the people. The Israeli people have swung their attention from the fighting in the southern region of Negev to Paris, hoping that an acceptable solution would emerge from the conference room of the world forum.

As much as anything, the prospect of continuing the status quo—"not at peace and not really at war"—as one person described it—has induced a case of jittery.

From the military standpoint, the week has been marked by increasing activity on the Southern front, the most delicate of the war fronts on which Israeli forces are fighting, where the Egyptians were asserted to have launched attacks against vital communications.

Offensive Ahead?

There is conviction in the Israeli capital that the Egyptians are planning a major offensive in the South to throw all the fronts into action.

Arm rifle, machine gun and artillery fire has become a daily event in Jerusalem and there have been sporadic forays by both sides on the Northern front, where the Jews face Iraq, Syrian and Lebanese forces.

There is actually, however, no solid front where fighting has been taking place in the South, where only a handful of men are involved at any one time in skirmishes.

Fortified positions in villages are held by both sides within a short distance of each other on or near the main Highway 19 road, the Egyptians' main supply route to their forces in Jerusalem.

The route is bisected by a secondary North-South artery used by the Jews to reach their settlements in Northern Negev.—Reuters

BURMA GARRISON ATTACKED

Rangoon, October 15. Communist-led insurgents attacked a Government garrison at Mintha, on the Irrawaddy River 230 miles North West of Rangoon, according to a military communique today.

The communique said: "Heavy casualties were inflicted on the insurgents during the encounter."

Minor clashes in the Irrawaddy district, approximately 80 miles North West of Rangoon, and in the Monywa district, West of Mandalay, were also reported.—Reuters

Guerillas In Kwangtung

Canton, October 15. Reliable reports from Hui-chow, on the East River 60 miles North East of Hong Kong, stated today that the scattered guerillas are forming again into bigger groups with a view to resisting encirclement by Government forces.

A small number are still lurking on the South bank of the East River not far from Pinghu, on the Canton-Kowloon railway, which has not been threatened.

Other guerilla units are being regrouped along the coast of Hailung and Lufeng counties, around Blas Bay and Swabue. There they are reported to be extorting tolls on salt convoys and travellers.—Associated Press

EIRE, TREATY WITH US

Dublin, October 15.

Negotiations began last May for a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation between Eire and the United States have been resumed, the Eire Department of External Affairs announced tonight.

It will be the most comprehensive Eire has undertaken with any country and in practice will give Eirean and American ships "most favoured nation" treatment, including reduction of dues, in each other's ports, while Irishmen and Americans would find it easier to transact business.

It would also facilitate operation of Marshall Aid which is on a loan basis to Eire.—Reuters

GREECE BLAMED FOR ATTACK ON YUGOSLAVS

Athens, October 16.

The UN Special Commission on the Balkans said yesterday that elements of the Greek Army entered Yugoslavia prior to a Yugoslav invasion of Greece more than a month ago.

In the resulting battle on September 8, 20 Yugoslav soldiers were killed.

UNSCOB observers said that two nights before the invasion, Greeks occupied positions in the vicinity of a Yugoslav camp astride the frontier near Protophila Falls.

The Yugoslavs charged they twice requested the Greeks to withdraw from their territory. Observers said the Greeks refused to evacuate the church property, which they captured from the guerillas a few days before.

They explained they feared the guerillas would recapture the property and threaten the remainder of the Greek positions in the area.

Observers said that the Yugoslavs crossed one kilometre into Greece in the Koutoukdel area to drive the Greeks from the Yugoslav church property.

Not Deliberate

UNSCOB stated there was no evidence that either the Greek or Yugoslav Governments planned a deliberate incursion into the territory of their neighbour.

It was reported that the bodies of the 20 Yugoslav soldiers were returned by the Greeks in exchange for prisoners.

The Greek and Yugoslav Governments are negotiating about the incident through diplomatic channels.

UNSCOB will tell both Governments that it is willing to help and give its conclusions about the incident.—Associated Press

Trafalgar Square's New Look

London, October 16.

Hundreds of Londoners had a glimpse of Trafalgar Square's New Look last night when the recently completed 120-foot fountains and coloured floodlights were tested in preparation for ceremonial unveiling by the Duke of Gloucester on Trafalgar Day, next Thursday.

The Square, from the centre of which 158-foot Nelson Monument dominates Whitehall and the Strand, has been partly hidden behind iron screens for the last 15 months.

On Thursday the Duke of Gloucester will unveil bronze memorial busts of Admirals Jutland and Beatty, World War I naval heroes, in the Square.

Seven jets of water in each of two powerful new fountains will be switched on to give an all-round "Prince of Wales Feathers" effect.

Aronze Britons, dolphins and mermen decorate the new fountains, which replace the drab old ones with their small 25 foot sprays.

For at least four nights after the unveiling red, green, blue and amber floodlights will play upon the waters and spotlights on the roofs of surrounding buildings will illuminate the figure of Nelson.—Reuters

America Surveys Spanish Bases

Madrid, October 15.

American naval officers have just completed a comprehensive tour of port facilities and potential beach landing sites along the Atlantic and Mediterranean coast lines of Spain.

On the heels of a similar military survey of Pyrenees passes and defence works, the navy's inspection trip is being much discussed here.

It is further evidence of recently intensified American military activity in Spain aimed at evaluating this country's possible contribution to the Western powers in the event of war.

In foreign military circles it is thought that perhaps the most important function of Spain in an East-West war would be, in the words of Admiral William D. Leahy, as a "bridgehead in Europe" for the landing of men and materials, a supply base and communications link.

Should the Russians sweep across Europe and should the Pyrenees become the bastion of Western defence, it is believed that Spanish ports would receive the bulk of supplies for the Pyrenean front.

While the results of the navy survey obviously are secret, it stands to reason that the principal ports of Cadix, Huelva, Vigo, La Coruna, Ferrol, San Quilido, Santander, Bilbao and Pasaia on the Atlantic coast line, and Malaga, Cartagena, Alicante, Valencia and Barcelona on the Mediterranean would become important supply bases and stockpiling centres.

Tacit Agreement

Smaller harbours and stretches of the coast line offering natural strategic advantages were also studied on this trip for possible use in the event of loss or damage to the bigger bases.

Not being overlooked are the Spanish naval bases in the Canary and Balearic Islands and the North African ports and airfields of Ceuta, Morocco, Morocco with Gibraltar, and the island stations are vitally important for the control of Mediterranean sea lanes.

The coast line inspection was completed a few days before the recent arrival in Madrid of the United States military and naval mission headed by Senator Charles McNair, Chairman of the Senate Armed Forces Committee.

Despite the repeated assertions of Foreign Minister Alberto Martin Ariza that Spain has not entered into any agreements with the United States for granting bases in return for United States military and financial aid, it is generally agreed here that at the very least an understanding has always existed and has now been reinforced by the Gurney party's visit.

This tacit agreement, discussed between Senator Gurney and Gen Juan Vigon, Spain's Chief of the High General Staff, is in effect a mutual assurance that when and if war is declared, American and Spanish interests will be united and joint physical aid will be forthcoming.

Biggest Problem

The biggest problem in the logistics of a hypothetical peninsula war would be linking Spanish mainland ports with the Pyrenean front. The Spanish railway system and rolling stock are in very poor shape. Spanish railroads run on narrow gauge lines, a fact which may emerge important defensively. This system was originally established with the idea of protection against France by rendering Spanish trucks useless to foreign equipment. Curiously, Russia is the only nation in Europe with a similar line.

Whether or not definite commitments have been made, the intensification of such activities in the recent coast line survey, the Pyrenees inspection and the visit of the Gurney party, is being given extraordinary significance in military and political circles both Spanish and foreign.—United Press



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Scandinavia Sets Up Defence Body

Oslo, October 15.

It is announced that a Scandinavian Defence Committee has been appointed as the result of a decision taken at today's meeting of the Defence Ministers of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

The Committee, set up for the purposes of a joint survey, consists of four representatives from each country, according to a communique issued tonight.

The Committee is to begin its work immediately and the three Defence Ministers have expressed a wish that it should carry out its task as quickly as possible.

The members of the Committee are: Denmark:—Vice-Admiral A.H. Vedel; M. Franz Hvass, a Minister; and members of the Folketing, M. Paul Hansen and M. Harald Petersen.

Sweden:—Major General Nils Swedlund, Chief of the General Staff; M. Carl Hamilton, County Governor; and members of the Riksdag, M. Erik Andersson and M. Sven Andersson.

Norway:—Lieutenant General Ole Berg, Chief of the General Staff; M. Trygve Bratteli, secretary of the Norwegian Labour Party and chairman of the 1946 Defence Commission; M. Dag Bryn, Under-Secretary of State in the Defence Ministry; and M. Wilhelm Munthe Kaas.

The respective Defence Ministers will appoint military and civil technical advisers as required. It is understood that the intention is that the Committee shall report at the latest by February 1st, its exact scope is not known. The last paragraph of tonight's communique says: "In view of the nature of these matters and information on the Committee's work will be available to the public."—Reuters

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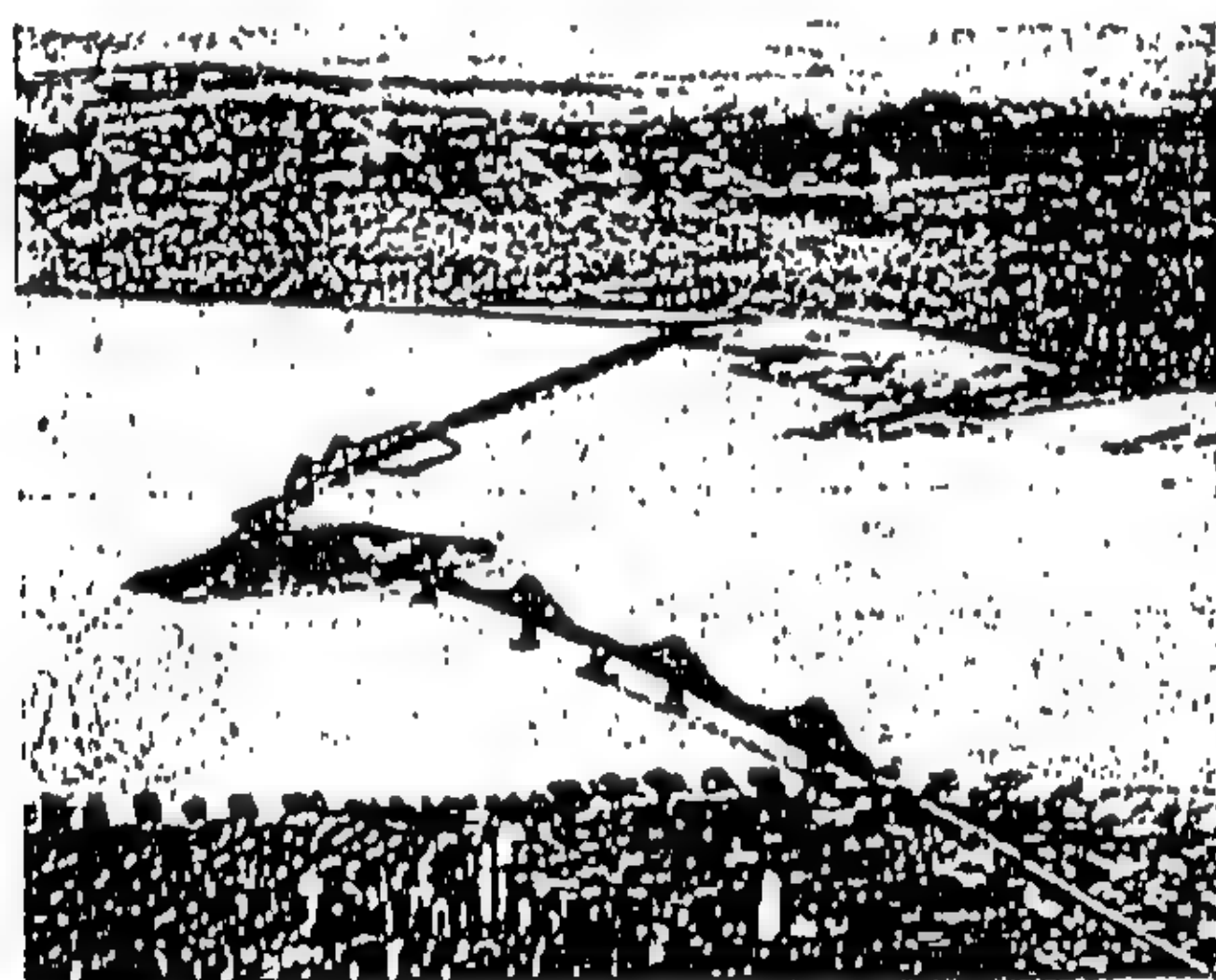
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BRITAIN'S HISTORIC ROLE IN EUROPE

By Professor A.L. ROWSE

Throughout modern history there have been two alternative ways of organising Europe. The first and the easier way has been that of force—the attempt on the part of one power to impose its ascendancy on the others. But that has always proved unsatisfactory. Apart from its inherent undesirability, it has never succeeded for any length of time even in a mode of organisation for, naturally enough, other countries have not liked it and before very long have usually taken to active resistance. Such was the experience of Europe under the ascendancy of Philip II of Spain, under the domination of Louis XIV and Napoleon, and in our time under the heel of the Germans.

The second way of organising Europe is more difficult, more civilized and mature, and ultimately far more satisfactory if it can be held: the free association of the powers in a European system. It is the prime need of our time to organise such an association, to make it stable and lasting. And it is precisely here that the experience of Britain has something to offer the world, not only her experience within the Commonwealth, but in her traditional relation to Europe and her historic policy in Europe.

English Policy

This has been largely misunderstood. It has not been fully understood even by the English-speaking peoples—certainly not consciously, with us Britons particularly in mind. It is, perhaps, only an extension of common sense, but it has been apt to rule, rather than conscious intention. All the same it has, certainly served us well. We do not have to concern ourselves here with those who are so hostile to our efforts to understand it or do us any justice.

But it is important that we should understand what Britain's role has been, and one cannot understand anything without trying to do it justice. It is extraordinary the number of people, historians as well as politicians, French as well as German, who have been dominated by the hostile view that the role of English policy was simply to prevent the combination of Europe. The answer is really quite simple. If Britain was successful in overthrowing the domination of one great power after another that was too strong for the others—Spain, then France, then Germany—we did not achieve it by ourselves; we did it in combination with others whose interests, and sometimes whose very existence, were even more at stake than our own. There are smaller, but still independent, nations in Europe who understand this, and all that they owe to it, rather better than we do ourselves.

Common Interest

The extraordinary success of Britain's policy in the long run—it has had plenty of set-backs in the short run—has been due to the fact that our interest has been one with that of the bulk or other European countries. That is what has preserved Britain in modern times; we have never been strong enough to impose our domination on all the others, even if we had wanted to. Our interest has been freedom along with the others; and when that has been endangered—as it has been again and again—we have met it along with the others and fought it through to victory.

I draw from modern history, from the wars, the repeated defeats of aggressors in the end, the lesson that there is no one power that is naturally strong enough to hold down all the others. And I conclude from that that it is silly and disastrous for any one to try. The proper objective of our efforts, I should say, is to build up an association of all the others strong enough to hold in check anyone who shows signs of making such an attempt. There is a great deal of wisdom in the saying of the American Admiral that force should be in the hands of those who do not believe in the use of force.

Domination

But there are still people who have a hankering after the domination of one great power and think it the solution of our troubles. I remember well the young French officer who was being called to the Colours in August, 1939, holding forth to me at the station that the German danger was all the fault of Britain for defeating Napoleon. But the people of Britain were not the only ones who objected to Napoleon's domination; there were the Spaniards and the Dutch, the Austrians and the Russians, to say nothing of the British.

Superficial thinkers about politics often put forward the view that the simple answer is to have the world run by one great power. If these people consider-

ed the matter more deeply they would notice that one power dominating all the others never has been the solution throughout modern history. It has always produced the resistance of all the rest, who have banded together to end it. Nor has it ever been a good thing in itself. A German-dominated Europe was the negation of civilisation, the culture of Belsen imposed on Europe. Nothing could be quite so bad as that. But even Napoleon stood for restrictions on freedom of thought, the liberty of the individual, the spirit, to cultural creativeness. That is no doubt why France under Napoleon went through a poor period so far as the arts were concerned—contrast it with the marvellous outpouring after he had gone. Then for the power and the hubris of the position it always exhausts itself in the process. Would not Spain have had a far happier history if she had not exhausted herself in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in the effort to hold down half Europe? And Germany would she not have embraced enormous areas which have amazing potentialities.

The Right Policy

No. I must be forgiven for being absolutely convinced, as a historian, that the way of Britain's policy has been the right one. The long-term perspective of history reveals English policy as limited and moderate in its objectives, making it the keystone of its policy to work along with others as far as possible in the common interest, and not to override them. The clue to our success has been that our interest has been very largely one with the common interest. Wherever we have departed from these principles we have been defeated. There is no country that has not made its mistakes, but Britain, at any rate seems to have learnt something from them; we seem to have learnt the fundamental thing about human societies, that their deepest wish is to run things their own way and govern themselves, not to be pushed round by others.

It seems to me that that is the prime condition on which free peoples who have learnt that lesson may come together to lend each other strength against whatever may threaten them. And in that task—the primary one—facing free peoples today—no country has had a longer experience to offer than Britain, or on the whole a more successful and encouraging one.

Western Union

It may be said that historically Britain's role in Europe has been rather a negative one, though it was anything but negative in its consequences; it maintained the necessary conditions of freedom for other peoples to develop their own characteristic contributions to the unity that is European civilisation, and certainly the development of a free, stable and prosperous Europe has been in keeping with the character of British policy for a long time—what it has in fact longed for, in spite of many set-backs and disappointments. But the time has come when this must be translated into positive action; and Mr. Bevin's early initiative in drawing western European countries together for economic recovery and to build the foundations of Western Union is in keeping with the whole trend of Britain's policy.

BRITISH AFRICA'S PART IN DEFENCE

British Africa has come to town. Strolling about the West End yesterday on a shopping spree were some of the 40 delegates—and their ladies—who have come to London for the first conference of its kind in the history of British Colonial Africa. The delegates are drawn from all the legislative bodies of West and East Africa. They come at a critical time to discuss all the necessary services that make the wheels of everyday Colonial life go round. But while the official agenda lists such routine subjects as general and regional discussions on local government, public relations, medical policy, agricultural development, current economic problems and means of economic development, there can be no doubt that a great conception will be at the back of the minds of many of the delegates, observers and Colonial officials who attend.

Not On Agenda

Maybe they are the architects of a future great African Dominion, a Dominion of Colonial Africa embracing enormous areas which have amazing potentialities. The ten territories of West and East Africa that are concerned have sent representatives to the conference. These lands are Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast, the Gambia, Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, and the island of Zanzibar. Obviously, however, these places are nowhere near ready for any

form of fully responsible government yet—though I fear some of the more ardent nationalists among the delegates would be extremely indignant at this suggestion. That is why something that is not on the agenda will be in the minds of high-level British officials at the meetings. It is the subject of defence.

New Importance

Look at a map of the world and you will realise Africa's new importance in the defence picture for Western civilisation. The Indian Ocean can no longer be regarded as a British sea owing to the instability of

By EDWARD BISHOP

India and Pakistan and the unrest further East in South-East Asia. At the south of the African continent the Union of South Africa has recently changed its Government to a Nationalist regime presided over by Dr. Malan. The Union is a Dominion, but it would be dangerous to rely on the Union remaining within the framework of the freely associating British Commonwealth of Nations. British Colonial Africa—the territories represented at the London conference—leaps into the strategic picture. But these territories, now undergoing the teething troubles that beset backward peoples striving for political maturity

are at present in no fit order to provide a solid defence base.

Truce, Freedom

I hope, therefore, that the African visitors to London will come to know much better the Colonial officials who, up to the present, may have been little more than rubber stamp signatures on documents.

Maybe the coloured delegates will go home with a wider vision of the services in their territories, a vision that can lead to the eventual creation of a great African Dominion of the Commonwealth.

Their experience in London, I hope, will show that true freedom lies in gradual attainment of self-government through all the stages of economic and educational advance.

If this objective can be reached through the conference, then a great step will have been taken in the interests of the African peoples. It will also make the beginning of a sound basis of defence and a stride in the right direction towards becoming a very powerful nation.

When they return to Africa these are the men who have the power through their local legislatures to put programmes of advance and integration into action. Africa is awake. It is up to Britain to give a lead and, within the limits of resources available just now, to help with capital and skilled men. I predict that these delegates, the fathers of a Dominion of the future.

WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Sing Tao Jih Pao: It is uncertain whether or not the Government of Hong Kong will render assistance in connection with the reported impending registration of Chinese assets in the Colony.

However, registration of such assets in Hong Kong will be far more complicated matter than the anti-smuggling measures. The latter measures involve only smugglers. The former concerns peaceful and law-abiding residents in Hong Kong.

To enforce registration of Chinese assets in the Colony, the Hong Kong Government would be breaking the law which provides protection of private property. Without the assistance and co-operation of the Hong Kong Government, the Chinese Government will have great difficulties in any attempt at registration of Chinese assets here.

Wan Kiu Yat Pao: The recent published Annual Report of the Education Department mentions a plan to establish 50 vernacular schools within 10 years. The hope was also expressed to increase matriculation classes and the number of scholarships at the Hong Kong University.

This plan is highly commendable. It is very far-sighted. The educational system of Hong Kong has been based on English teaching. This new policy suggests a change to Chinese teaching as the basis.

The aim naturally is secure full recognition by the Chinese Ministry of Education of the standard and qualifications of Hong Kong students who pass their school-leaving examinations. This is a very thoughtful move on the part of the local education authorities.

That education is the responsibility of Government is true. The community, however, must not overlook its share in this responsibility.

We should be happy to see more public-spirited citizens follow the example of Sir Robert Ho Tung who has promised a donation of HK\$1,000,000 for building a girls' hostel for the University.

If support from the community is forthcoming, the proposed 10-year plan of the Government should materialise in less than 10 years.

Kung Sheung Man Pao: What is outstanding among these measures are the ban on eight principal commodities from entering China and the restrictions on Gold Yuan dealings and remittances.

All these measures have been adopted for the benefit of China, in some cases to the detriment of Hong Kong. Such good neighbourly policies will help strengthen the friendly ties of China and Britain.

Kung Sheung Yat Pao: Travel restrictions between Hong Kong and China are greatly handicapped by the restrictions forbidding them to carry more than 5000. This, in our opinion, is contrary to the spirit of promoting economic relations between the two places as such restrictions inevitably will react unfavourably on trade.

If a traveller leaving China is allowed to take with him US\$100, there should be no reason why an amount equivalent in Gold Yuan—GY400—should not be permitted.

The complicated relations between China and Hong Kong justify the conclusion of the Sino-Hong Kong Customs Agreement. This Agreement, however, cannot be implemented fully and smoothly unless other related economic measures are in harmony with the Agreement.

The authorities concerned would do well to reconsider the measures restricting the carrying of Gold Yuan in and out of China to GY20.

This is very encouraging and should allay the fears harboured by the public that education is being considered as a secondary question by the authorities concerned.

Sing Tao Man Pao: The First Reading of the Bill to legalise the Sino-Hong Kong Customs Agreement is indeed a sign of Sino-British co-operation which will have favourable reaction on the future relations of the two countries.

Smuggling cannot be wiped out with one stroke, but the implementation of the Agreement will allow the Chinese Maritime Customs to extend its sphere of operations in addition to placing the assistance of the Hong Kong Import and Export Department at the Customs disposal.

In addition to the Sino-Hong Kong Customs Agreement, the Hong Kong Government has adopted other measures to help China. Outstanding among these measures are the ban on eight principal commodities from entering China and the restrictions on Gold Yuan dealings and remittances.

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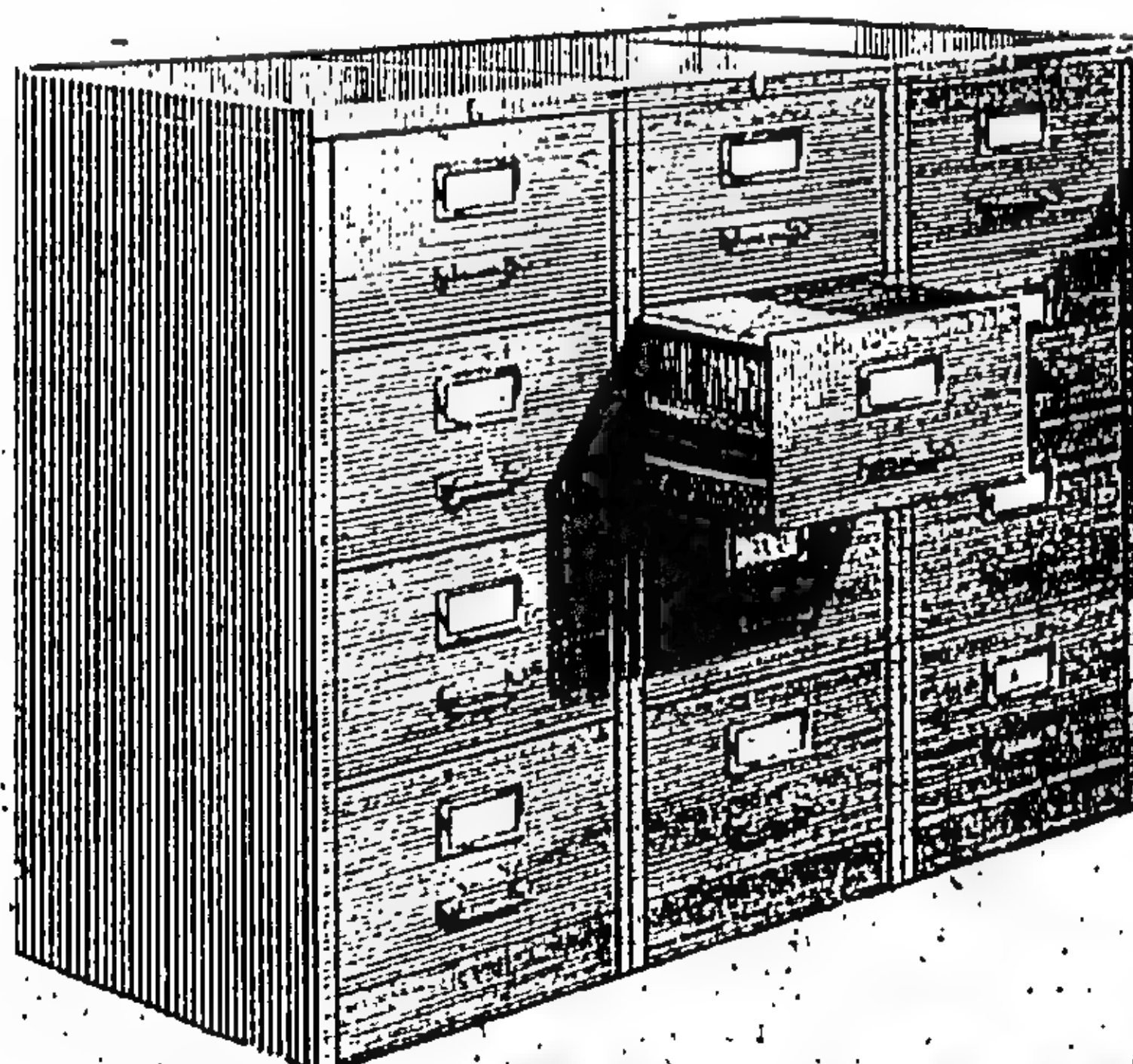
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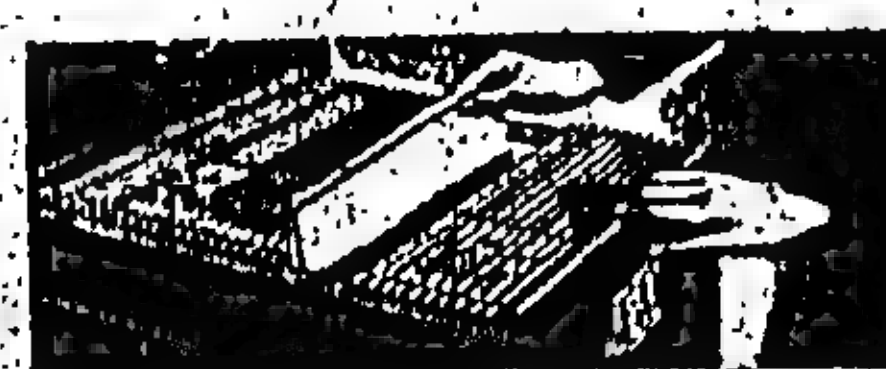
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MALAYAN REBELS IN THE BAG?

Singapore, October 16. Officials reports indicate that joint Siamese-British action may be in swing to bag several thousand Communists on both sides of the Siamese-Malaya border.

Major Luang Bhuja Panjath, Siamese military officer at British headquarters at Kuala Lumpur, disclosed that British and Siamese forces have agreed to allow land forces of the other side to cross ten miles into its territory when pursuing Communists.

Siam was officially reported to have Army forces in action combating Communists in a jungle area just North of Perak in Malay near the Siamese border.

A British communiqué two days ago said there was a large scale joint RAF and land action in Northern Perak State.

Major Panjath said there may be as many as 12,000 of 15,000 Communists in the area, but other sources in Singapore placed their number at not more than 3,000.—Associated Press.

Tito Accuses Albanians

London, October 15. The Yugoslav Government has sent a note to the Albanian Government accusing Albanians of preventing Yugoslav citizens from returning home and attempting to make them accept Albanian citizenship, the Belgrade Radio said tonight.

The Yugoslav note said that the Albanian Government was acting in wilful contravention of the friendship and mutual aid treaty between the two countries, and that Albanians would bear the responsibility for the consequences ensuing from its action.

Yugoslavia refused to recognize the Albanian nationality imposed on Yugoslavs residing in Albania and reserved the right to demand inter indemnification for any damage done to persons might suffer, the note declared.—Reuter.

This May Explain A Sheepish Grin!

Dr. B. M. Sinn, of Fairplay (Colorado) has invented a dental plate for sheep which, he claims, should put millions of dollars into the pockets of American graziers.

A sheep has no cutting teeth on the upper jaw, but crops the grass with eight front nippers on the lower jaw. The four in the middle spread apart, the corners break off and the sheep cannot graze. It is then fattened on soft foods and slaughtered.

On the US short-grass ranges, a ewe lives an average of six years. If its teeth held up, it would live about 12 years, meaning six extra lambs.

(Large station owners in Australia cull their merino ewes out at five and six years, by which time they are worn out.)

Dr. Sinn's appliance fits over the cutting edge of the sheep's lower teeth to protect them and prolong their life. It is clamped to the jaw with wires.

Master Plate

He has tried made-to-order dental plates on half a dozen different sheep, but the cost was prohibitive, and his problem now is to develop a plate which can be mass-produced and attached at a cheap rate.

Plates he made were of stainless steel and nickel alloy, but when clipped on to sheep for which they were apt to come off and get lost.

He is now working on a master plate which can be cemented on to any sheep, the idea being that the dental cement will fill in the spaces where the plate doesn't fit, thereby making it stick.

(An ex-president of the Dental Board said in Sydney yesterday: "Fitting false teeth to sheep is not new to Australia. I fitted sets of teeth to prize rams at Haddon Rig station in 1908.")

Gold Dentures

"I took impressions of their mouths and then made the dentures of gold using two sovereigns. I soldered the oldtime platinum pin teeth on to the gold plate, and the result was hygienic. It seemed to be a good job."

"I don't think Dr. Sinn will ever do much good in trying to fit teeth to ewes in bulk. He might succeed in making crowns and then fitting them on in bulk with the aid of cement, but, to be sure of success, individual sets will have to be fitted."

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Lancaster, October 15. A tall ex-Guardsman, Pater Griffiths, 22-year-old labourer, faced a court here today accused of a crime that shocked all Britain—the murder of three-year-old June Devaney in the grounds of a Blackburn (Lancashire) hospital on May 15. Baby June was found battered to death two hours after she had been missed from her hospital cot. Detectives investigating the case took 42,000 finger-prints—the biggest mass finger-printing ever undertaken.

Dr. Gilbert Bailey, Police surgeon at Blackburn, told the court today that the child's body was extensively bruised on the face and other parts. There were marks consistent with a severe bite before death.

The body bore all the evidence of having been raped. Marks on the head were consistent with the child having been held by the feet, and the head swung and battered against a wall.

Dr. Bailey considered that the man who did this act "must have been in a state of mental frenzy" and he had formed the opinion that the murderer was a schizophrenic.

Hereditary Disease

He agreed that this disease tended to be hereditary. The knowledge that Griffiths' father was stated to have suffered from schizophrenia reinforced the doctor's view that the accused himself suffered from it.

Mr. W. Gorman, the Crown Prosecutor, said that the night nurse heard a cry in the children's ward, and found June's cot empty. She noticed that a bottle containing sterile water, which had been on a trolley, was on the floor like the marks of stockings.

A careful examination was made of the bottle and finger-prints were found on it. Fibres were found on the pillow, and a face of the floor, which appeared to have come from a sock. Fibres of clothing were found on the child's body and on the outside of a bay window of the ward.

On August 14 a police inspector visited Griffiths' house, when the finger-printing operation was over. He recovered a pair of grey socks with a red thread on the surface and also found a pawn ticket.

Out With Woman

The pawn ticket was taken to a pawn-broker and the police recovered a suit pawned on May 31. On May 16, the prosecutor said, the accused

went out with a young woman and was wearing the suit pawned on May 31.

Mr. Gorman alleged that without doubt the finger-prints on the bottle and the fibres of clothing pointed to Griffiths. On the suit were found traces of blood. Group A. The blood of June was of this group, he said.

Chief Inspector Capstick, of Scotland Yard, said that when he arrested Griffiths on August 13, he said: "Well, if they are my finger-prints on the bottle I will tell you all about it."—Reuter.

Russia's Grip On Satellites

Paris, October 15. Mr. William Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, today declared that the Soviet Union was "deliberately harnessing" the economies of East European states to serve the interests in Russia.

Speaking before the Economic Committee of the U.N. he asserted that the following procedure was used:

"A ban on these countries co-operating in the Marshall Plan, trade agreements negotiated on unequal terms, placing of Soviet economic and technicians in key posts, and formation of great industrial combines under Soviet control."

Similar, or only slightly different, methods of economic penetration were being used in Austria, Manchuria and the Soviet Zone of Germany, he added.—Reuter.

OGADEN RETURNS TO ETHIOPIA

Nairobi, October 15. Ogaden Province, the most Easterly part of Ethiopia, has now been returned to Ethiopia by the British authorities administering the former Italian Somaliland. Troops of the King's African Rifles, who have been garrisoning the Province, have been withdrawn.

Under an agreement between Britain and Ethiopia, signed in 1944, it was laid down that, to contribute to the effective conclusion of the war and without prejudice to the sovereignty of the Ethiopian Government, the Ogaden should be placed under British military administration.—Reuter.

CIVIL DEFENCE PENSIONS

London, October 15. Pensions have been granted to 14,453 ex-Servicemen, and 11,551 women have been awarded disablement pensions under the Personal Injuries (Civilian) Scheme which includes air raid casualties among civilians and injuries of members of the civil defence organizations.

In the last nine years, war pensions, including medical services and administration cost £534,355,366. The total cost from the 1914 expenditure on war service grants (over £75 million) has been £1,850,000,000.—Reuter.

GAZA CABINET RECOGNISED

Cairo, October 15. Saudi Arabia has decided to recognise the "Gaza Government" in Palestine set up by the Palestine Higher Committee, according to a communiqué issued today by the Saudi Arabian Legation in Cairo.

She is the fourth Arab League State to do so, Egypt, Iraq and the Lebanon have already granted recognition.—Reuter.

Bridge House Witnesses Leave For HK

Shanghai, October 16. Seven Britons in Shanghai who have been called to give evidence before a war crimes tribunal in Hong Kong in the forthcoming Bridge House trial embarked today in the cruiser Sussex which will take them to the colony. The witnesses are H. Pringle, C. J. Canning, J. M. Watson, R. Hillman, Eyensons, Macaulay and Dr. Sturton. Other witnesses not of British nationality will leave later.

Major General Konoshita and Sergeant Major Yoshida will appear before the tribunal on October 25 charged with the ill-treatment and torture of prisoners in Bridge House, Shanghai, during the Japanese occupation.—Reuter.

EUROPE MAKES PROGRESS

Washington, October 16. Paul Hoffman, chief of the Economic Cooperation Administration, said today that next year's European Recovery Fund may be lower than that of 1948 by US\$5,000,000,000 because of the progress being made.

Mr. Hoffman told a press conference he cannot judge the size of the new ECA funds which will be needed until the Council of European Countries in Paris has finally drafted its 1949 programme.

"I think recovery has gone on in European countries to the point where we believe it will call for a smaller sum than we had this year," he said. "What amount it will be I have no idea."—Associated Press.

NEW FLARE-UP IN NORTH SUMATRA

Batavia, October 15. Communist insurgents disarmed Republican military police in a new flare-up in Tarutung, in the North West of Sumatra Island, the Dutch military authorities reported here tonight.

They also reported more fighting against insurgents in Java itself. South of Madiun, the recaptured Communist stronghold, a group of 4,500 Communists had withdrawn to Slauang, while fighting was going on in two places near Wonogiri, South of the central Java city of Surakarta.

Republican forces have encircled Blora, near the town of Tjepu, now back in Republican hands.

The Republican Army has ordered Military Governors to merge all armed organizations into its mobile or territorial forces, the Dutch statement added.

Mr. Merle Cochran, the United States representative on the United Nations Good Offices Committee for Indonesia, who arrived in the Republic capital of Jogjakarta today, had talks with the Republican President, Dr. I.R. Soekarno, and Mr. Mohammad Roem, head of the Republican delegation which has been negotiating with Holland about Indonesia's future.

The subject of the talks was not disclosed. (Most papers in Holland today expressed regret at the resignation of Dr. Hubertus Van Mook as Lieutenant Governor General of the Dutch East Indies, and laid the blame on the policy of the Government.)—Reuter.

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GRAZIANI REVEALS:—

RAF BOMBS FOILED SECRET WEAPON

Rome, October 15. Ex-Marshall Rodolfo Graziani, Mussolini's Chief of Staff, declared at his trial here that in 1943 Germany was well ahead with the development of a "secret weapon," but subsequent Royal Air Force bombings had delayed plans through the destruction of fuel reserves.

He had heard of a "V 10" secret flying bomb, capable of destroying everything within a radius of seven to eight kilometres (4 to 5 miles). Defending his own position, Graziani said: "If we had won, I should have been a second De Gaulle. He who loses is always wrong."

Graziani, who is charged with collaborating with the Germans, added: "I have never been a traitor to my country."

Graziani said Mussolini was weak and timid. "Whenever he had to deal with the Germans he was paralysed and agreed with everything they said."

"When I arrived in Rome towards the end of September, 1943 after the armistice I found the Germans laying down conditions and behaving as an occupying power."

"For instance, at one point they threatened to bomb Rome with 700 planes. If Marshal Enrico Caviglia was not named commander of the open city."

Just Destiny

Graziani declared: "Perhaps I was weak not to resist a position in the Republican Government. I admit it but it was the hand of destiny."

He told the court that Mussolini was anxious to receive formal recognition from Spain of the new Italian Republican Government. Though Spain maintained non-official relations, she never established a diplomatic mission.

Graziani added: "Had she done so Mussolini would have summoned a Constituent Assembly and drawn up a constitution. The case was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

People Worrying Too Much

Washington, October 15. Rear-Admiral William Parsons, Director of Atomic Defence for the Navy, today expressed the belief that people are worrying too much about the hazards of radio-activity in the event of atomic bombing.

Admiral Parsons said in a radio broadcast that the dangers of radio-activity were generally over-emphasised. An atomic blast like those at Hiroshima and Nagasaki "would not leave an aftermath of dangerous radio-activity." If an atomic bomb is exploded close to the ground there would be radio-activity "for some time" but the crater would be only a few hundred yards in diameter.

Admiral Parsons said that atomic bombs fired, as in the only under water blast at Bikini, left "appreciable amounts of radioactive deposits."

The spray and some of the foam that burst over ships at Bikini "left no radio-active residue on the ships."

"The great prominence given to the hazards of radio-activity at Hiroshima has been useful in familiarising people with the fact that there is such a thing as radio-activity. I believe that in the long run it will be best to treat radio-activity as something of great interest and possible hazard."—United Press.

Canberra, October 15. Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, denied here today that Australia, had received any invitation to join an economic union of Western European countries or any invitation to take part in Western Union defence.—Reuter.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES WISE CHOICE IN WINTER COATS

By JANET MARTIN

The choice of a winter coat is always a serious matter, for a good coat is a major investment, not to be lightly undertaken. For many of us, a new coat will head the winter wardrobe budget. Last winter's coat investment, hanging sadly in the wardrobe, a casualty to fashion, lacking several essential inches, is waiting to be made over into a jacket or, if it is lucky, into a Cossack style by the addition of a fur collar, border and hem.

In coats, as throughout the whole range of fashion, the limits of choice are wide enough to include styles for every purpose and for every age and figure. The stamp of 1948 is apparent in new treatment of collars and sleeves, in lovely new coatings and in a subtle intricacy of workmanship and detail.

Safety and most useful choice is a full deep hood, unbuttoned coat, wide of sleeve and generous of collar, which will slip on equally agreeably over anything from a tweed suit to a silk frock. Collars wide enough to simulate a little shoulder shawl; dolman sleeves deep enough to give the impression of a short cape; a swing of back fullness balanced by straight-hanging front panels; these are the points to look for.

And, for a change, a narrow leather belt to pull in the fullness to the waist. My favourite has a shawl yoke in black Persian Lamb, buttoning to the neck at the front and coming to a shawl point at the back, from which the cloth hangs in loose folds. The front is quite straight and the wide sleeves are finished with a deep turn-back cuff.

Top Treatment

The same top treatment may be allied with a waisted coat, with loose bodice and fitted skirt. This style is particularly good in heavy tweed or "nubly" coating cloth. A model in speckled Donegal tweed has dolman sleeves cut in one with the shoulder yoke.

The collar has tailored revers, buttoned high and the bodice has a little fullness pouching above the waist.

The skirt hangs straight, with an inverted pleat at the back and is belted with a broad leather strap. Another model, in rough finished black wool, has waist deep armholes to its dolman sleeves, drawn in to a neat waist and slim wrap-over skirt.

Shawl tops and caps collar usher in the return of the long front opening, the long rolled front, buttoning nearly at the waist, a style which is particularly pleasing to the woman of fuller figure. The shawl collar gives a graceful line which flatters the face and breaks the length from neck to waist. The flattery of fur against the face is seen in the charm of the small fur cape and the softly draped shawl collar, such as were worn in Edwardian days.

For the more dressy coat, in softer wools and plain, comes three or four small waisted, full skirted style modified from last winter's romantic inspiration. The addition of a Cossack collar and border in flat fur, gives the smart Anna Karenina touch, as well as hints the what to do with that lady's winter model.

The slim, severely tailored coat, reversed and double breasted is as classic as its counterpart in costume, but comes this season in subtle shades and deep velvet black tones, trimmed with velvet and extravagant buttons and worn with the smallest of off-the-face bonnets. A London model is made from jet-brown velvet cord, with antique bronze buttons and displayed with surprise gloves and hat in aquamarine blue.

Empire Style

Newest of all is the high waisted, Empire style coat, cut in intricately draped panels from just below the shoulders at the back and waisted just below the bustline in front, with slightly flaring skirt.

This is a good choice for the fuller figure, not for the over-slim. The long line from high waist to hem is graceful and slimming, as are the long, flat, side and back panels.

With so many styles to choose from, a good deal of thought is required before making a final selection. For our own season and climate, my suggestion would be an all-purpose coat, fitted or loose hanging, with the new sleeve or collar and, if the budget will permit, a light afternoon coat in soft wool or velvet, either full skirted or slimly tailored, for duty on social occasions.

A swambuckling autumn coat, with detachable velvet lining and check dress.



A swambuckling autumn coat, with detachable velvet lining and check dress.

Shades, Cleaned

The Christian Science Monitor.

To get the maximum of light, it is necessary not only to keep lamp bulbs clean but the shades clean as well. The latter, being made from a great variety of materials, require various methods of cleaning. However, practically all shades may be kept free from dirt by using a soft brush, white broom, or the brush attachment of the vacuum cleaner.

But really, soiled shades are another matter. Rayon or silk, shades, for instance, if they are soiled with mud and water, it is always well first to remove any contrasting trim which may not be colour fast. And all dust should be thoroughly brushed off before washing.

Scrub the rims with a soft brush, then dip the shade vigorously up and down in a tubful of warm soda. Rinse thoroughly in lukewarm water and dry in a current of air.

For hand-painted, silk shades and those of linen, chintz or novelty fabrics, the safest method is dry cleaning, though slight marks can often be removed by lightly rubbing with a Arglum eraser. Paper parchment shades can usually be cleaned with liquid wax. They should be wiped thoroughly dry.

Plastic shades are easiest of all to keep clean, for they may be wiped with a soft cloth wrung out of lukewarm, soapy water. Rinse with clear water.

To skin a tomato easily, place a fork through the stem end, plunge into boiling water and then into cold water. Or hold over direct heat. Break skin at blossom end and peel skin back.



Every girl's dream dress of filmy chiffon in softly-shaded sweet pea pink: it has a tucked bodice, tiny waist and bouffant skirt.

Ann Temple Twin Of Conscience

For a long time I stood out against dishonest business practices because of the Christian Code on which I was brought up. But it's too idealistic and impractical. Try to be downright honest these days and you start to get in trouble. Be cleverly dishonest and you get on all right. That's common sense, and yet I am troubled by a vague discomfort. I suppose you will say it is due to my upbringing. How do I shake it off?—SIMON.

It was after you had made up your mind to desert that you found the Code too idealistic wasn't it? We always begin to criticize and find fault with the virtues we are about to discard. We like to hide from our own dishonesty. You're a better man with that twinge of conscience than without it. Your thinking, at any rate, is honest. If you can see integrity without blurring its edges, can admit that you are deliberately turning away from honesty, at least you know what to turn back to—and when you want to turn back.

But once you wrap your judgment by excuses of idealism and impracticality—you have lost the signposts.

BOUND TO BE BEAUTIFUL

It has often been said that whoever has charge of a child for the first seven years influences it for life. Before severe life-long habits are formed, before even, it is decided whether your little girl will be an attractive teen-ager, slim, straight, and shining-haired, or a didn't-quite-make-it wall-flower.

There is not very much trouble to lay the ground-work for beauty. You might let the legend sleep in the nursery that a very good girl gets...

A hairbrush and comb of her own; a pink toothbrush to match; a pink tin of salt (which you will mix with bicarbonate of soda); and a personal tube of toothpaste.

And for her birthday, a manicure set like mummy's. Teach her to brush her hair properly, not to flatten it down on both sides, but to bend her head so that the hair falls over her face and is brushed at the roots.

Insist that she remember her toothbrush drill—the toothbrush should be moved up and down, not sideways—and encourage her to use salt and bicarbonate of soda for keeping twice a day, and toothpaste for a special treat at night. Be firm about visiting a dentist regularly. If her teeth are inclined to protrude, you must have them straightened with bands.

Her Own Manicure Set
And if she's going to have good looking nails when she's a big girl, show her how to use her manicure set or yours. Teach her how to push them down patiently with an orange stick and to push them back with the corner of the towel each time she washes her hands—then she'll have moons that no child could have a hope of obscuring when she is her own mistress. If she bites her nails, check her by applying bitter aloes to them.

From this anyone can see that housework is good exercise. I live at it ten hours a day for two years and my waist has disappeared—just as the New Look when my figure is ruined.

EXASPERATED.
I'd still say normal housework was good exercise—the active woman has a better chance of keeping her figure than the sedentary worker. It's the overwork, always taking the same muscles, standing in queues, carrying heavy baskets, that spoils the outlines.

And "ridding" your nastiest cobwebs I'd still say you could reduce your waist by giving five to ten minutes daily to exercises cleverly concentrated on the right muscles. I'll send you a couple if you feel like trusting me.

Why do I always find myself reacting to the opposite extreme of the people I am with? If they are mean I become extravagant; if they are generous, if they are noisy I become quiet and retiring—L.

Key is in your lack of self-confidence. You have to prop yourself up by kidding yourself you are different, superior.

Where the individuality is strong and assured the fear of being marked into the herd is not felt. The wish to be different merely for the sake of being different is a blind protest against one's weaknesses.

What's the best way of developing self-control?—A.

Practice in the small details of daily life. Deliberately not doing some small thing you want to do, deliberately not giving in to some small wish—simply for the sake of resistance.

And for something a bit harder try these three:
(1) Squash the feeling of despair when things don't go your way.
(2) Get down promptly to any difficult or unpleasant job that has to be done.
(3) Pick out one of your long-standing habits—and drop it.

cold water, rinse afterwards. But see that her nose is protected by a shawl and in summer, and in winter, touch her lips with petroleum jelly to stop them being cracked by the wind. She must learn to dry herself properly after a wash or a bath, the damp areas of skin lead to chafing.

Manners Maketh Maiden
Her hair style? You can do better than the weary old-style of a side parting and a bow loosey attached to a hank of hair. Plait her hair on the top of her head, or take her hair back from her face and tie the ribbon on the crown of her head, or part her hair in the middle and take it back from either side of her face with small bright bows.

And now for her manners, which are just as important as her looks, or perhaps more so, for no matter how pretty a girl, but her mother finds her lovable. Teach her to say "How do you do?" and "Goodbye." Think hands as she does so firmly looking at whoever she's talking to—right in the eyes.

2. Teach her that she must not interrupt older people.

3. Teach her to say "Thank you" to her hostess after a party.
4. Teach her that the surest way of not getting what she wants is by burst of temper.
5. And when she has learned that much, you have done your best. And, finally, a civilized, pleasant child—and even if she is not still have a most attractive daughter.

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PREPARATIONS FOR A PERMANENT

By CLAUDIA

Last week I gave you some illustrations of the latest ideas in hair styling for the autumn. If you are thinking of adopting one of the new shorter coiffures, with the even newer ear-covering arrangement, you'll need not only expert cutting and shaping, but a new "perm" as well.

Apart from new hair styles, almost everyone will be needing a new perm for the autumn, to ensure that neatly shaped head line demanded by Fashion. So this may be an appropriate time for a few hints on how to make a real success of your new wave.

Make your appointment two or three weeks ahead so that you will have time to get your hair into extra good condition beforehand. The best guarantee of a successful perm is to have the hair and scalp well toned and healthy. And to counteract the slightly drying effect of a perm, the hair needs a little extra nourishment by way of preparation.

The Start

For a start, increase the daily brush routine. Brushing it and always has been the finest natural stimulant and beautifier, of the hair. For the best results, use a really stiff brush which can be drawn through the hair in long, firm strokes, from the scalp to the hair tips. A soft brush which only strokes the surface is of no use for this purpose. Then, on alternate nights, use a scalp friction lotion and a nourishing tonic.

The scalp friction will stimulate the glands of the hair roots into healthy activity. Work in briskly with the tips of the fingers until the whole scalp aches and tingles. For the alternate days, massage gently with a good tonic, something containing "Vaseline" or petroleum jelly for choice. Use just a few drops at a time and you will find that it will be absorbed into the scalp overnight so that the hair is not left too greasy the following day.

Then, for the last two or three shampoos before the perm appointment, give the hair and scalp an oil massage. Use warm almond oil and work it well into the scalp, kneading gently. Then brush the oil along the hair and wrap the head in a hot towel. If this can be done the evening before the shampoo and left on all night, so much the better. When you have the shampoo, ask the hairdresser to give you a conditioning treatment as well, leaving the hair soft and glossy.

While you are preparing your hair for the perm in this way, you can be experimenting with ideas for a new style and deciding what type of perm to have. The modern perm should be soft, loose and natural in appearance. Tight curls and crinkly waves are absolutely "out."

Your hairdresser will advise the best type of perm to produce the desired effect on your particular texture of hair. A good hair-

dresser will always take a test before perming and it is wise to insist on this being done, so that the hairdresser may determine the best way of treating you individually.

Prepare Beforehand

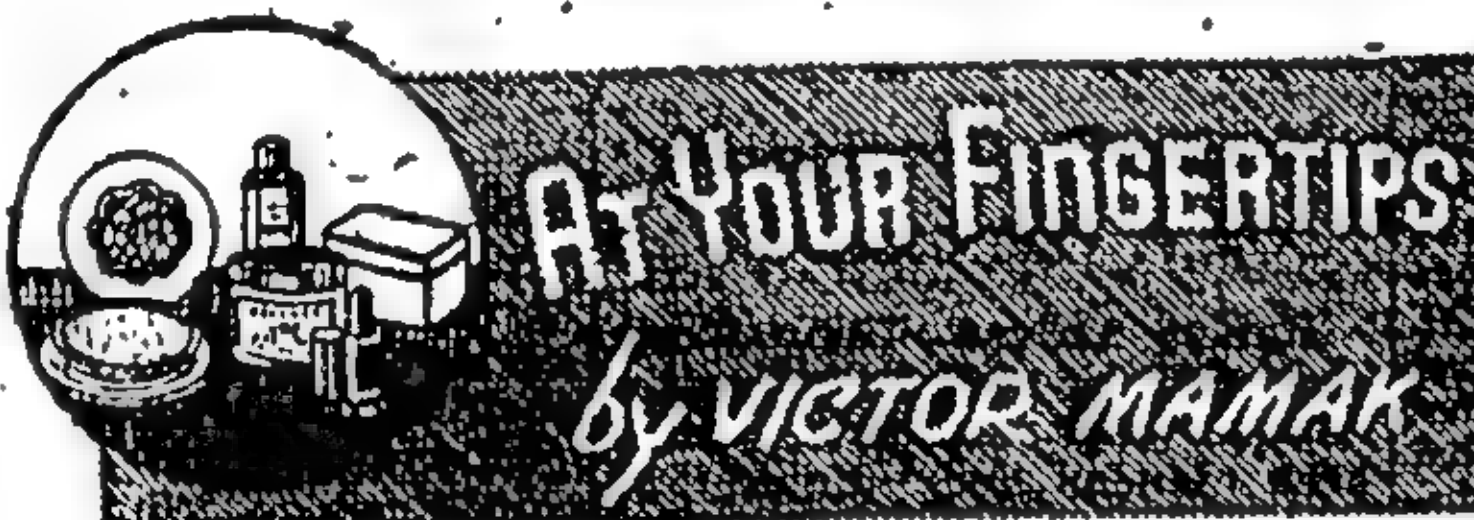
If you are thinking of adopting a new style, discuss this with your hairdresser beforehand so that the hair may be properly cut before perming. The "hair over the ears" styles need shorter sidepieces with the perm curls wound higher, so you must be quite sure about the style before going ahead.

Two very important "don'ts" about perming. Don't ever ask the operator to give you a "good firm perm" under the illusion that it will last longer. It won't. By the time the frizziness is wearing off, the perm will be growing out and you will have gained nothing at all.

A looser, softer perm, which looks lovely from the day it is done, will give you much more satisfaction even if it doesn't last quite so long. And don't ever have a new perm over the remains of an old one. If the old perm has not grown out and you don't want to wait, consider adopting one of the new short haired styles and have the remaining old perm cut off. If you don't, the ends will be brittle, split and broken and the curls will never set attractively.



From the new collection of Pauline comes this peek-a-boo veil, leaving only the eyes uncovered, worn with black velvet beret.



"Dear Mr. Mamak, What type of cleansing cream would you recommend for a dry skin in winter. Also please suggest some good 'skin food' for a nearly forty complexion." ABOUT TO BEGIN LIFE.

Use a cholesterol type cream and "knead" it thoroughly into the skin. Then remove soiled cream with tissue paper.

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against dryness and premature lines. Thus, a good cleanser also aids in keeping your tissues softer and smoother.

I am afraid there is no such thing as "skin food." The skin gets its nourishment from within. However, creams containing hormones are most effective if you select them wisely and use them correctly.

I am mailing you the name of the brands of the two creams suggested above.

"I am always having trouble getting my make-up on smoothly. Is there a trick to it? Can you help?" AMKIOUS.

The secret of a smooth make-up is a CLEAN skin. Cleanse thoroughly with a good cleansing cream, followed by a skin freshener to remove the oiliness from the skin. It contract pore openings, and provides a smoother base for your make-up.

If you use a cake make-up, smooth it on very carefully with a moistened sponge, be sure to blot off the moisture—with tissue—then blend the make-up smoothly with FINGER TIPS. The trick is in the blending.

Renommée

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A raisin-coloured wool dress with detachable top for cocktail time. Note the cunning hip-drapery.

STYLES FOR EVENING

By VICTORIA CHAPPELLE

The evening mode for 1949 in London suggests a restrained luxury. The off-shoulder line has not yet been superseded for dresses designed for important occasions, although the more modest dinner dresses show the neck covered to the nape at the back, an effect offset by a low décolletage.

The ballerina skirt is also engaging attention and in Peter Russell collection it is transformed into a series called "diners out" made in silk Duchesse satin with low-hip fitting bodices and full skirts. These point to a new dividing line between the evening gown proper and a type of dress which will be easy to manage, while being properly romantic in feeling, with skirt swinging short of the ankle and a décolletage which looks charming in a restaurant or at the theatre.

Back interest is very pronounced, either with bustle effects or unpressed pleats or simply fullness drawn away from the front so that it appears straight and plain. This is more often seen in materials which are heavy and luxurious, such as poult, gros-grain, Duchess satin and bengaline; the light fabrics, like chiffon, are usually designed to fall in simple folds, perhaps from curved pleats.

There is a tendency towards period effects in evening gowns, but this is kept under control by the designers who skillfully play down the more theatrical trend and subordinate it to wearability. Nevertheless, since women's clothes have become so simple, the evening is the only opportunity for a complete change of appearance and while there are comparatively few opportunities to appear in elaborate evening gowns, there are plenty of occasions on which dinner dresses can be worn.

COMPARATIVE MEASURES

Flour: 1 tablespoon equals 1 ounce; 1 level cup equals 4 ounces.

Barley: 1 tablespoon equals 1 ounce.

Cane sugar: 1½ dessertspoons equals 1 ounce.

Butter or fat: 1 dessertspoon equals 1 ounce.

Breadcrumbs: 2 tablespoons equals 1 ounce.

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Do weigh and measure all ingredients accurately, and see that everything you need is on the table before you start.

If cooking in an oven, make sure the oven is alight before placing food in it; and, if using a gas stove, preheat the oven 20 minutes before using.

Knowledge of oven heat is very important. To test it, you must place a piece of white paper on a flat in a preheated oven and leave it for 5 minutes. At the end of that time, if the paper is chocolate brown, the oven is hot; if the paper is golden brown, the oven is moderate; and if it's light brown, the oven is slow.

Now, that's a little bit towards making you a good cook, so we'll tell you a few secrets.

Ice lards and turnovers: brush them with cold water and cover with powdered sugar before baking. This gives them a frosty-on-the-grass glaze.

Does anyone like "spinach"? Teach them how this way: Force the hot, cooked spinach through a sieve. Season it with salt, pepper, grated onion, nutmeg, and a little milk. Beat in a hard-boiled egg, chopped fine, and a tablespoon of salt. Mix the mixture into balls, dip in egg and crumbs and fry in deep fat. Then see.

Advice from a meat-loaf addict: Hide some hard-boiled eggs in the centre of the loaf before baking. When it's sliced, a slice of egg will show up like a rabbit from a magician's hat.

Cookery Corner**SARDINE SAVOURY.**

Take a small tin of sardines and mix well together with one teaspoon vinegar or lemon juice, one teaspoon butter, pepper and salt. After heating the mixture spread thickly on hot buttered toast and cover with a white sauce flavoured with a pinch of mace and serve very hot.

CHEESE TARTLETS.

Three ozs. grated cheese, 1 oz. breadcrumbs, ½ oz. melted butter, stir into 2 beaten eggs. Season with cayenne and salt, and put into small petty tins lined with short pastry. Bake in a good oven 10-15 minutes. Serve hot.

SAVOURY PANCAKES.

Boil and mash two large floury potatoes, put into a basin with seasoning of salt and pepper, and their weight in flour. Mix well together, add two well beaten eggs, and sufficient milk to make a nice batter. Stir in a finely minced onion and some chopped parsley. Beat well and stand aside for one hour before using. Fry a nice golden brown. Serve hot.

CHEESE CUSTARD.

Three ozs. cheese, two eggs, one pint milk, pepper and salt to taste. Beat eggs, add cheese, pepper and salt, then pour in milk. Put all together in pyrex dish and bake one hour in moderate oven. May be served in dish or cut in blocks and put on hot buttered toast.

POTATO PANCAKES.

To 2 cups mashed potato add ¼ cup melted butter, 1 tablespoon self-raising flour, ¼ cup hot milk or cream, salt, cayenne, chopped parsley and grate of nutmeg. Beat till creamy, add 2 egg-yolks (1 at a time), then fold in stiffly whisked egg whites. Melt clarified butter, fry fat in evenly heated pan, drop in spoonfuls of mixture and cook over even heat till golden brown underneath. Turn and brown other side evenly, drain on white paper and serve hot with grill or with fried bacon and tomatoes.

MEALTIME MAGIC.

A few tricks with which you can bewitch the members of your family.

Ham And Corn Fritters. 1 cup finely chopped ham, 1 tin sweet corn, 4 oz. flour, pinch of cayenne, 1 teaspoon baking powder, pinch of herbs, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 eggs, deep frying fat, parsley to garnish. Drain the liquid from the corn. Sift the flour, baking powder, cayenne and salt into a basin. Add the chopped ham, drained corn, herbs and egg yolks. Mix well. Lastly fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites. Heat the fat and fry the mixture in large spoonfuls (a few at a time) until crisp and golden brown. Drain on paper and serve garnished with parsley.

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FRENCH FRANC'S DEVALUATION PREDICTED IN PARIS MARKET

Paris, October 15.

Immediate devaluation of the French Franc was predicted today in financial circles.

A highly placed source who could not be quoted said plans had been made to raise the present official rate of the Franc from its current 214 Francs to the Dollar and 870 to the Pound.

The official rate, not to be confused with the "free rate" of 214 Francs to the Dollar, is for commercial purposes only.

France Solr, in its first afternoon edition, said with assurance that the devaluation would come probably at the week-end and blamed it on the failure of the Government to agree on its financial plan.

Most observers agreed that if the official rate was raised to the predicted 204 Francs to the Dollar and 1060 to the Pound, the free rate would go up accordingly. Only dollars, Swiss Francs and Portuguese Escudos are treated on a free rate basis by the banks.

One Escudo is currently worth 5.33 Francs and the Swiss Franc 49.8.

Predictions are that the rates will increase about 22 per cent, officially and more on the free rates. The same increase is predicted for Belgian francs, Dutch guilders and Italian lire.

Black Market

The rate would give France a better trading opportunity with her neighbours in the European Recovery Programme.

The black market rate of the Franc, always a barometer, has fallen steadily since 300,000 coal miners went out on strike 12 days ago. Dollar bills were worth about 470 francs today under the counter.

One source believes the change will effect the commercial and official rates only.

There has been confusion in France's trading problems since the present rate was set in January.

For instance, the dollar is actually exchanged on three rates.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London, October 15.
Silver, Spot fine ounce 47d. Forward 47d. Bar, Gold, per fine ounce 127/3.

New York: Silver, Bar, (asked price) 77 1/2 cts.; Bar, Gold, per fine ounce (official) \$35.

Bombay: Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 175. Annas 02; Forward 174. 08; Marwar (unofficial) 174. 00; Gold, delivered, 2700; Silver, Forward, (unofficial) 115. 05; Sovereign 75. 08. (One tola is equal to 3/16 of an ounce.)

Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buyers 180.00, sellers 200.00; U.S. Eagles, 310.00, 340.00; Gold, Bar, per gramme, buyers-sellers—unquoted.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, baht-weight of 15.244 grammes unquoted. Exchange Rate (selling), Bangkok on New York T.T. 19.95, London 60.20, Hong Kong 3.75.

Paris Free Gold Prices: Napoleon 5.075 Fms., French 10 franc coins 5.700; Swiss franc 7.780; Union Latine 5.525; Sovereign 7.250; Half Sovereign 3.210; U.S. \$20 Coin 28.400; U.S. \$10 Coin 13.850; Sovereigns (in free U.S. \$) per ounce \$98.6; Napoleon (in free U.S. \$) per ounce \$102.1; U.S. Dollar notes (in black-market) 475.

Paris Free Market Rates: Ingots: Fine Gold ingots, with delivery of counterpart per gramme 234/244 Fms.; Silver ingots, per Kilo 8,600, 7,400; Platinum ingots, per Kilo 800,000, 855,000. —Reuters.

N.Y. SUGAR

New York, October 16.
Domestic sugar closed two higher. Sales were three contracts. December 5.23 nominal. World sugar was quiet with no sales. —Associated Press.

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Tung Oil Complaints

Washington, October 16.
Representative Clifford R. Hope, Republican, Kansas, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said today that he is studying complaints against Government import policies by the tung oil industry.

Hope told a reporter that tung industry representatives have complained about competition from Chinese tung oil imports. Tung oil is a quick drying oil used in paints.

Hope said he does not plan a committee investigation of the problem. — Associated Press.

NY Stock Market

New York, October 16.
Stocks were narrowly irregular but the undertone was steady; 309 were traded, of which 357 advanced and 376 declined. Volume contracted to 910,000 shares.

Petroleum stocks jumped 2 1/2 to 1 1/2 after good dividend news. Among most heavily traded issues, Acco Manufacturing was up 1/2, and American Air lines was down 1/2 at 6 1/2.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 48 1/2; Alaska Petroleum 2 1/2; American Can 31 1/2; American Smelting 30; American Telephone 34 1/2; American Tobacco 34 1/2; American Waterworks 3 1/2; Anaconda Copper 37; Aviation Corp. 7; Baldwin Locomotive 15 1/2; Barnhill 19 1/2; Benoit Aviation 3 1/2; Bethlehem Steel 37 1/2; Boeing Aircraft 2 1/2; Borden Co. 41 1/2; Canadian Pacific 14 1/2; Case 1 1/2; Chrysler 30 1/2; Colgate 25 1/2; Commercial Solvents 11 1/2; Corn Products 32 1/2; Dupont 17 1/2; Eastman Kodak 48; Electric Light & Power 23 1/2; General Electric 48 1/2; General Motors 42 1/2; Goodyear 48 1/2; International Harvester 28 1/2; International Paper 30 1/2; International Tel. & Tel. 11 1/2; Johns Manville 15 1/2; Kresge 30 1/2; Lysol 15 1/2; Montgomery Ward 34 1/2; National Distillers 19; National Lead 33 1/2; New York Central 18 1/2; Packard Motor 4 1/2; Pan-American Airways 3 1/2; Pennsylvania 32 1/2; Radio Corp. 12 1/2; Steel 18 1/2; Republic Steel 30; Reynolds Tobacco 34; Schenley 30 1/2; Sears Roebuck 28 1/2; Shell Oil 30 1/2; Sovcon Vacuum 19 1/2; Southern Pacific 34 1/2; Standard Brands 23 1/2; Standard Oil of Calif. 70 1/2; Standard Oil of N.J. 30 1/2; Studebaker 24; Union Carbide 33 1/2; Union Carbide 30 1/2; US Lines 15 1/2; Westinghouse 34 1/2; Youngstown Sheet & Tube 34 1/2; Gen. Pub. Utilities 18 1/2. —Associated Press.

Ration Coupons For Necessities

Shanghai, October 16.
Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo is completing a plan for an over-all rationing system, based on ration coupons for daily necessities, to stabilize the city's economic situation, according to press reports this morning.

Under the contemplated system coupons to be issued by General Chiang's Shanghai Economic Supervisory Office, will be punched when one commodity has been bought by their holders at designated shops.

Because of growing opposition to control prices on the part of shopkeepers and grocers, many kinds of foodstuffs are practically unobtainable at present, while some bakers have curtailed their output. —Reuters.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago, October 16.
Wheat led grains upward on the strength of reported flour sales to the Army.

Wheat closed 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 higher. December \$2.27 1/2-1/4; May \$2.19 1/2-\$2.20; July \$2.03 1/2-1/4. Oats were 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher. December 74 1/2; Soybeans were 2 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher. November \$2.40-\$2.41. —Associated Press.

SHIP MOVEMENTS

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CATC for Shanghai via Canton, Amoy:

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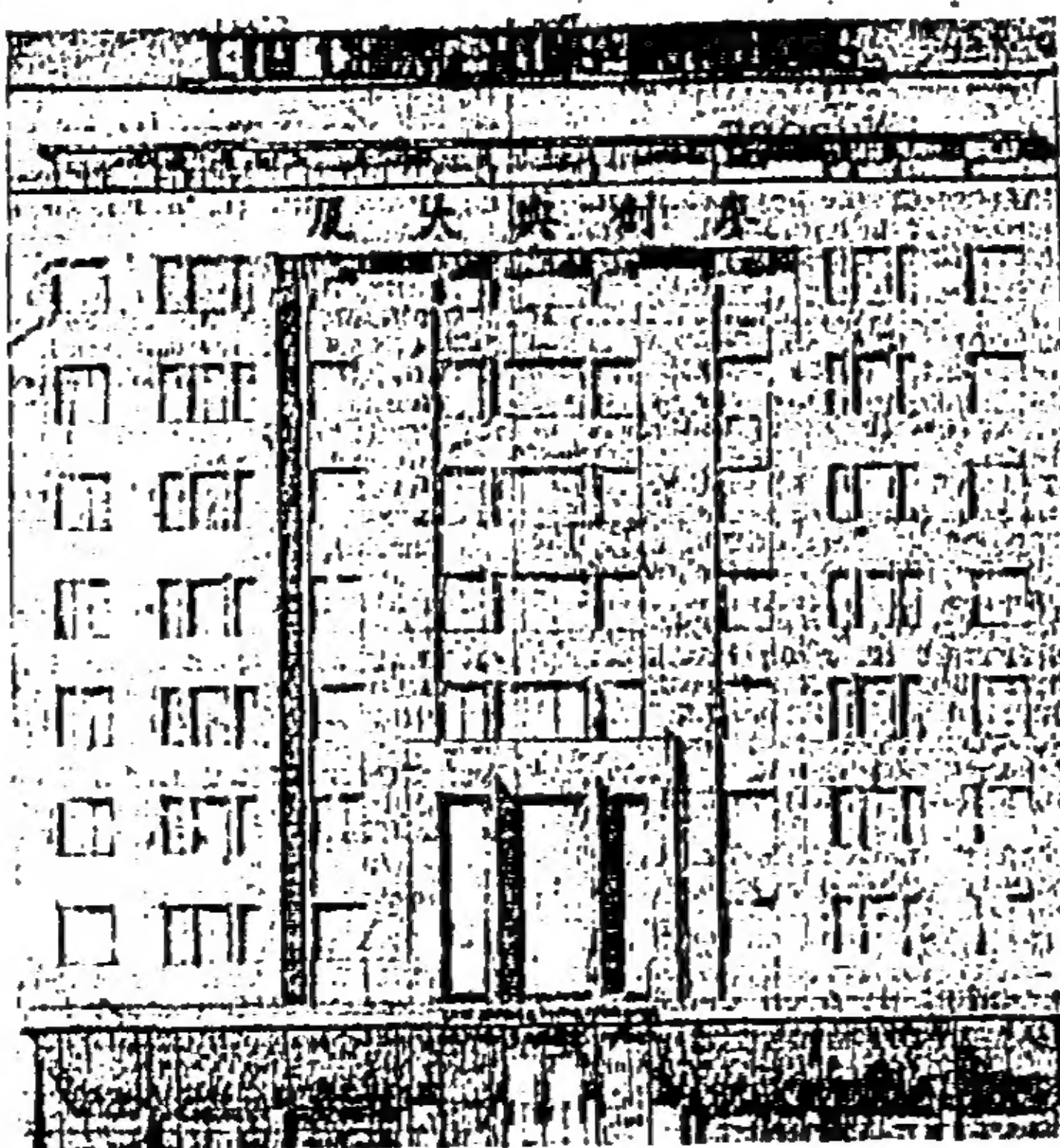
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KCC Beat RAF In Friendly Cricket

Playing at home yesterday KCC 1st XI beat the RAF 1st XI by 63 runs. The RAF, however, balanced the result with a clear margin victory over KCC's 2nd XI at Kai Tak.

Opening for the KCC at Cox's Path, Colledge was injured after scoring a single. He was taken to hospital but released after treatment.

F. R. Zimmerman put up the high-scoring figure of 42, and retired at 39 runs. N. Hart-Baker, Captain W. D. M. Webb and P. Smith shared honours having respectively 27, 25 and 21 runs. Smith took four RAF wickets for 19 runs in eight overs with a maiden.

F. O. Gambrell, skittled three KCC's wickets and owed another to good fielding by Pantou. For the visiting team, A/C Blaine scored 32 before he was sent back with a "lbw" decision. For the KCC's attack, Barrow did well in getting three wickets for 18 runs in five overs.

RAF 2nd XI Wins

Declaring at 148 for eight wickets, the RAF 2nd XI beat the KCC 2nd XI by a clear decision. KCC put up a stand through V. H. White (24), D. Langston-Jones (18) and E. A. J. Hancock (17). In a steady partnership, KCC's opening pair—Langston-Jones and White—challenged at 42. The wickets fell easily, but the run was stemmed momentarily, however, by Hancock, fifth bat, who knocked out 17 before being bowled by Sawyer. Following Hancock's exit, 14 runs were made and with S. A. Gray's downfall before making any run, KCC closed with 75 runs, with E. Guest not out (3 runs). The RAF's first four batsmen scored more than a century among themselves. The double-figure run getters were Hewitson (40)—the top scorer—Hayhurst (41) and Graham (39). Graham added to his day's honours by taking four KCC's wickets for 21 runs in eight overs.

Sawyer, who was run out for a duck, made good by taking four for 32.

KCC 1st XI			
E. C. Finch b Gambrell	3		
W. H. Colledge retired (hurt)	1		
A. Zimmerman b Gambrell	12		
P. Smith b Hodgson	21		
N. Hart-Baker c Pantou b Gambrell	27		
Capt. Webb c Ratledge b Follett	25		
F. Barrow b Gambrell	36		
F. R. Zimmerman not out	42		
G. E. Taylor b Hodgson	2		
V. C. Bond b Follett	0		
R. E. Lee not out	4		
Extras	7		
Total	138		

BOWLING ANALYSIS					
	O	M	R	W	
Gambrell	11	2	38	4	
Ratledge	4	1	14	0	
Hodgson	11	2	28	2	
Blaine	3	1	22	0	
Marshall	2	0	10	0	
Follett	2	0	10	0	

RAF 2nd XI			
S/L Pantou c Hart-Baker b Taylor	6		
F/O Marshall lbw Smith	0		
A/C Blaine lbw Barrow	32		
A/C Overland c Bond b Smith	0		
Sgt. Ratledge b Barrow	0		
S/L Gall b Smith	2		
A/C Follett c F. Zimmerman b Barrow	6		
Sgt. McLeod b Smith	5		
F/L Hinshelwood b Taylor	4		
F/O Gambrell run out	0		
Sgt. Hodgson not out	10		
Extras	10		
Total	78		

BOWLING ANALYSIS					
	O	M	R	W	
Taylor	6	1	18	2	
F. Zimmerman	4	1	10	0	
Smith	2	0	9	0	
Lee	2	0	9	0	
Barrow	5	0	18	0	

British In Silent War In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

The British are fighting a 'shadow war' in Malaya. They call it a war; they call their opponents the enemy.

But it is a war without fronts, mass battles, aerial opposition.

The war is fought on rubber estates, around tin mines and along modern highways running through jungle terrain. It takes on the form of short-lived engagements between pockets of insurgents and combined British army and civil police forces.

Enemy Unorganised
It is the war of the ambush, the sneak attack, the night raid. The "enemy" has no capital, no government, no manifesto or established programme, no internationally known leader.

It consists of some 6,000-odd men, mainly Chinese, who fought in the anti-Japanese underground during the war. Members of the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army (MPAJA). Its leadership is drawn mainly from the Malayan Communist Party.

Most informed opinion describes the insurgent revolt as springing from a combination of post-war social unrest, Communist inspiration and general gangsterism.

British Firm
The British are adamant in their contention that the insurgent goal is the creation of a Malayan Soviet Republic or Communist police state.

Authoritative quarters in Kuala Lumpur, capital of the Malaya Federation, expect the present bandit suppression campaign to last about 18 months.

The biggest obstacle the British face in stamping out the current reign of terror in Malaya is tracking down the guerrilla in the jungle.

The British are back-firing. In 1941 the British pinned their hopes upon the jungle in an effort to stop the Japanese advance down the scimitar-shaped peninsula, but now Britain's enemy is pinning its hopes for victory upon the jungle.

Insurgents, after an attack, disappear as swiftly as they appear—thanks to the jungle terrain.

Campaign Through
Against the insurgent hands, the English have an estimated force of 15,000 men.

They conduct daily clearing sweeps and raids. They make daily arrests. Thousands of persons have been screened, hundreds detained. Now national registration is being undertaken.

The British unspoken plan is to keep the insurgents moving, to deprive them of food and recruits, to break up their concentrations, to bring them to battle unprepared, to drive them into the jungle and there track them down.

And against this background is the cocky British attitude: "We rode out the blitz and we'll ride this one out, too."—United Press.

UN ASSEMBLY TURNS DOWN SOVIET PROPOSAL

Paris, October 16.

The United Nations General Assembly today turned down a Soviet-supported proposal to unseat Dr. Jan Papanek, former Czechoslovak delegate to the United Nations, from two committees.

The Assembly rejected a Polish proposal to remove Dr. Papanek by 30 votes to 6, with 13 abstentions. Dr. Papanek is thus left to complete his three-year term of office.

In a resolution presented by Dr. Oscar Lange, Poland declared that as Dr. Papanek had been disavowed by his Government, a geographical area was no longer adequately represented, Poland demanded new elections to replace him.

An earlier Czechoslovak proposal to the same effect was defeated in the General Assembly's Executive Committee by 25 votes to six—the Soviet Union and the Eastern European delegations opposing—with 12 abstentions.

Dr. Papanek was delegate to the United Nations before the Czech political crisis in February of this year, when the Communists came to power. Earlier the Assembly had decided, against Soviet opposition, to invite the Organisation of American States set up at the recent Pan-American Conference to send an observer to the Assembly session.

Adopt Proposal
The Assembly, meeting in plenary session, adopted an Argentine proposal to this effect by 34 votes to six, with two abstentions.

The resolution invited the Organisation to send its Secretary-General as an observer. The Soviet delegate said the Charter of the United Nations made no provision for observers. All meetings of the Assembly were open and anyone could attend.

The Soviet Union said the Eastern European countries were the only delegations to vote against the measure.

The Egyptian delegate, supporting the proposal, said that it created a precedent which might later be applied to the Secretary-General of the Arab League.

The Assembly today unanimously appointed the Danish Auditor-General to membership of the United Nations' Board of Auditors for a three-year term to begin on July 1, 1949.

It also unanimously elected Mr. Seymour Jackson, South Africa's deputy permanent representative at the United Nations, to membership of the committee which establishes the contributions made by each of the 58 member states to the United Nations Budgetary Committee.

The Assembly also unanimously accepted for discussion a Mexican appeal to the great powers to renew their efforts to compose their differences and establish a lasting peace.

The Assembly then adjourned.

ITALY LEADS
Padua, October 15.
Italy gained a 2-0 lead over Austria on the opening day of their three-day international lawn tennis match here today.

Medici beat Ruber 6-3, 6-3, 6-1, and Pantassi beat Sivocitsch 6-0, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.—Reuter.

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HK Bowlers Beat Portuguese Side

The Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Association defeated a combined Hong Kong and Shanghai Portuguese lawn bowls team by 32 shots at the Club de Recreio yesterday.

Len Sykes, playing two other Interlopers in his rink, scored the biggest victory, defeating C. F. Remedios by 20 to 13 shots.

Joe Landolt, another Hong Kong Interporter who shone in Shanghai, went down to a rink skipped by E. A. S. Sousa to the tune of seven shots.

On the whole, the match was very keenly contested, especially in the games between C. Passos, a Shanghai "cap," and U. M. Omar, and R. F. Luz and Frankie Goodwin.

Scores were as follows:

Combined Portuguese H.K.L.B.A.

J. E. Medina E. F. Pope

A. Pereira W. Houk Sing

L. Xavier T. Madar

C. F. Remedios L. Sykes

(Skip) 13 (Skip) 20

G. A. Guterres M. B. Hassan

C. R. Pereira R. A. Edwards

F. X. Soares J. Oren

E. A. S. Sousa J. S. Landolt

(Skip) 21 (Skip) 14

A. A. Lopes A. K. Minu

C. E. Marques A. J. Kew

V. Xavier A. M. Omar

J. Ribeiro C. Rossetti

(Skip) 14 (Skip) 27

J. C. Remedios S. Yusuf

B. P. F. Marques J. Fraser

F. X. Silva A. J. Hall

C. Passos A. M. Omar

J. F. Luz V. C. Labrum

F. Alarcon A. Eastman

F. Pereira L. Collier

R. F. Luz F. Goodwin

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C. C. Pereira R. Williams

C. P. Basto W. Williams

V. X. Ribeiro A. E. Coates

J. Noronha B. W. Bradbury

(Skip) 13 (Skip) 23

Total 103 135

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Koh 9 1 22 1

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Venables 5 1 16 0

Mirhouse 2 0 1 0

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